



Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR-		Report Date:	
Railroad Owning Track:		Railroad Operating on Track:	
FRA Investigation: Yes No		Inspector:	
I. Type of Accident			
Public Crossing	Private Crossing	Trestle	Pedestrian at Crossing
Pedestrian Not at Crossing	Other (explain)		
II. Time and Location of Accident			
Date:		Time:	
USDOT Crossing No.:		UTC Crossing No.:	
Railroad Milepost:		GPS Identifier: Lat: Lon:	
Number of Tracks:		City: County:	
Road name, yard name, bridge:			
III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident			
Weather:	Clear to cloudy	Fog	Rain Snow
Road Condition:	Dry	Wet	Snow Ice
Visibility Due to Weather:	Daylight	Darkness	Unknown
Train Type: Freight	Passenger	Locomotive only	Cars only Train Speed:
Haz-Mat on Train: Yes	No	N/A	Remote Control: Yes No N/A
Type of Haz-Mat:			
IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities			
		Does this section apply? Yes No	
Number of Fatalities:		If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:	
Name:			
Driver:	Passenger	Pedestrian	Age: Gender: Male Female non-binary
Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes		No	Suicide: Yes No Undetermined
Alcohol: Yes	No	Undetermined	Information supplied by:
Drugs: Yes	No	Undetermined	Information supplied by:
Names of additional fatalities:			

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured:

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:

Name:

Driver: Passenger: Pedestrian: Age: Gender: Male Female non-binary

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access (not at a Crossing)

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe:

Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing public area? Yes No

If yes, describe:

Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, other? Yes No

If yes, describe:

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe:

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No How many?

Dates of prior accidents:

Description of prior accidents (fatalities, injuries, property damage)

Last inspection date?

Defects? Yes No If yes, describe:

VIII. Attachments

Railroad incident report? Yes No Local law enforcement report? Yes No

Coroner/medical examiner report? Yes No Pictures? Yes No

Death Certificate? Yes No Copy of most current inventory? Yes No

Other (describe):

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IX. Comments

Event Summary:

Site Description:

Inspector Recommendations:

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:

From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
To: [ECY RE NWRO ERTS](#); [Kent OEM](#); [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Mark Daniels \(FRA\)](#); [Michael Pirato](#); [Stacey Thompson \(Fed Railroad Association Reg 8\)](#); [Stacey Weller](#); [Steven Travers](#); [WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: BNSF Train Incident near Kent - 061520
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:30:09 PM

Please see the below information involving a railroad that has been reported the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please reply to this email to confirm receipt of this message.

Thank you,

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF Railroad

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Steve Yost, BNSF Service Interruption Manager at: 817-352-2833

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 16:15 on 06/15/20

Time and Date of the Event: 1600 on 06/15/20

Mile post and/or Address of Event: M/P 16.9X on the Seattle Sub-Division near Kent

Circumstances of the Incident: A commuter train struck a trespasser on the tracks

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Unknown at this time

Type of Rail Cars Involved (tank, hopper, box, flat, etc.): Commuter train

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: None

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response: Individual was walking on tracks

Name and Phone Local POC: Russel Warner at: 206-384-3420

Railroad Incident Number: 206102

State EOC Incident Number: 20-1811

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State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington State Emergency Management Division
Building 20, MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122

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From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
To: [UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting](#); [ECY RE NWRO ERTS](#); [Kent OEM](#)
Subject: FW: NRC#1279655
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 5:23:45 PM

FYI . . . Here is the NRC report for the earlier reported train incident near Kent (see attached)

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: NRC#1279655

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1279655

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC on 15-JUN-20 at 20:25 ET.
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 15-JUN-20 at 16:00 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

REPORTING PARTY

Name: STEVE YOST
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY
Address: 2650 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131
Email Address:

PRIMARY Phone: (817)3522833
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN
Organization:
Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MP 16.9X County: KING
City: AUBURN State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A SOUTHBOUND PASSENGER TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER
STANDING IN BETWEEN RAILS RESULTING IN A FATALITY.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO
Location Subdivision: SEATTLE
Railroad Milepost: 16.9X
Type of Vehicle Involved:
Crossing Device Type:
Device Operational: YES
DOT Crossing Number:
Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:
Brake Failure: UNKNOWN
Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO
Passenger Train Route: YES
Passenger Train Delay Expected: YES
Passenger Train Delay Handling: PASSENGERS WILL STAY ON THE TRAINS.
---RAILROAD INFORMATION---
Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY
Train Number: A15111-15
Train Type: PASSENGER Train Direction:
Train Speed: Track Speed:
Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:
Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN
DERAILED CARS:
Pos. Car number Type Cargo

IMPACT

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Sent to Hospital: Empl/Crew: Passenger:
FATALITIES: YES Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: NO

Closure Type Description of Closure Hours Direction of
Closed Closure

Air: NO

Road: NO Major Artery: NO

Waterway: NO

Track: YES DOUBLE MAIN

N/S

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: UNKNOWN

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Release Secured: UNKNOWN

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: PARTLY CLOUDY, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

State/Local:

State/Local On Scene:

State Agency Number:

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (770)4887100

CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)2207141

DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY'S OPERATION CENTER (SOC))

15-JUN-20 20:28

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (INTEL BRANCH/BLAINE SECTOR)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (360)4107222

DHS DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY (CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIES DEPARTMENT)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (703)7673477

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (703)2355626

DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RGN X)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)8215301

OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)8053379

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)3661863

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)4930636

FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (425)4874704

NATIONAL HWY TRANS SAFETY ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)4412924

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)5264911

NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (202)3146293

OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)

15-JUN-20 20:28 (877)6204702

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (801)9180995
PORT OF SEATTLE (COMMAND CENTER)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)7873117
SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)6848770
CITY OF SEATTLE, PUBLIC UTILITIES (SPILL RESPONSE TEAM)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)6847988
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (800)2585990
TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (614)7328440
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)3875236
USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)2207221
VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (617)4942000
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (877)8439522
KING COUNTY EMERGENCY MGMT (MAIN OFFICE)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (206)2054071
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)
15-JUN-20 20:28 (360)6641160

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1279655 ***
Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://nrc.uscg.mil>

RAILROAD INJURY AND ILLNESS SUMMARY

(Continuation Sheet)

1. Name of Reporting Railroad	2. Alphabetic Code	3. Report Month	4. Report Year
Souder Commuter Rail	SCR	June	2020

5a. Accident/Injury Number	5b. Day	5c. Time of Day	5d. County	5e. State	5f. Type Person/ Job Code	5g. Age					
SCR200615	15	3:58 PM	Pierce	WA	E	37					
5h. Drug/ Alcohol Test A D	5i. Injury Illness Code	5j. Physical Act	5k. Location	5l. Event	5m. Tools	5n. Cause	5o. Number of Days Away From Work	5p. Number of Days Restricted	5q. Exposure to Hazmat	5r. Special Case Codes	
	90	B6	A14B7	18	82	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	
5s. Latitude	47.371398				5t. Longitude	-122.240214					
5u. Narrative (Up to 250 Characters)			Approximately 15:58 Pacific time, train A-1511-15 was traveling Southward on Main Track 2 at MP 16.9X on the Seattle Subdivision when they encountered a trespasser traveling across main tracks from West to East. Employee reports that the trespasser came to a stop, laid down on the tracks on Main 2. Pedestrian did not vacate the track resulting in a pedestrian strike fatality. Confirmed suicide by Kent PD via Police Report 20-7707.								

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NOTE: This report is part of the reporting railroad's accident report pursuant to the accident reports statute and, as such shall not "be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any suit or action for damages growing out of any matter mentioned in said report. . . ." 49 U.S.C. 20903. See 49 C.F.R. 225.7 (b).

This collection of information is mandatory under 49 CFR 225, and is used by FRA to monitor national rail safety. Public reporting burden is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing databases, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. In trespasser cases and in cases of suicide/attempted suicides, the estimated average time to complete this form is 50 minutes and 65 minutes, respectively. The information collected is a matter of public record, and no confidentiality is promised to any respondent. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2130-0500.

20-7707

Supplement No
ORIG

KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT



220 4th Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032-5895
Phone: (253) 856-5800
Fax: (253) 856-6800

Reported Date
06/15/2020
Crime/Incident
SUICIDE (N)
Member#/Dept ID#
BRENNAN, R

Phone

Fax

Administrative Information

Agency KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT				Case No 20-7707		Supplement No ORIG		Reported Date 06/15/2020		Reported Time 16:08			
CAD Call No KP200042245			Status CLOSED / LEADS EXHAUSTED			Crime/Incident SUICIDE							
Location 600 1 AV S									City KENT				
Rep Dist 237		NTZ KP	Beat 5	From Date 06/15/2020		From Time 16:08	To Date 06/15/2020		To Time 16:08				
Member#/Dept ID# 158426/BRENNAN, R						Assignment TRAFFIC		Entered By 158426		RMS Transfer Successful			
Prop Trans Stat Successful		Approving Officer 176431			Approval Date 06/16/2020		Approval Time 16:03:56						
# Offenses 1	Offense SUICIDE (N)				Description SUICIDE				Complaint Type	AC	Use	Bias	Loc
#Pr	MOE	Act	Weapon/Force		IBRS	No	Cargo Theft?	Dom Viol?					

Person Summary

Invl DEC	Invl No 1	Type I	Name CROUCH, CASANDRA R							MNI 544700
Race W	Sex F	DOB 08/16/1982								
Invl WIT	Invl No 1	Type I	Name WAIU HOOK, CRYSTAL MAE							MNI 672246
Race W	Sex F	DOB 12/05/1987								
Invl WIT	Invl No 2	Type I	Name COOK, RICHARD D							MNI 1004632
Race W	Sex M	DOB 04/14/1971								

Vehicle Summary

Invl OTH	Type 1	License No BRH5906		State WA	Year 2017	Make CHRY	Model 300	Style SD	Color SIL	
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Property Summary

Involvement DIG										
Description Article: Other (none of the above, includes Money) PHOTO Photos of scene										

Report Officer
158426/BRENNAN, R

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KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT**DECEASED 1: CROUCH,CASANDRA R**

Involvement DECEASED	Invl No 1	Type Individual/Person						
Name CROUCH,CASANDRA R						MNI 544700	Race WHITE	Sex Female
DOB 08/16/1982	Age 37	Juvenile? No	Height 5'10"	Weight 220#	Hair Color BROWN	Eye Color GREEN	PRN 1731209	
Type Home	Address 21245 31 AV S							
City SEATAC		State WASHINGTON		ZIP Code 98198	Date 06/15/2020			

WITNESS 1: WAIU HOOK,CRYSTAL MAE

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual/Person						
Name WAIU HOOK,CRYSTAL MAE						MNI 672246	Race WHITE	Sex Female
DOB 12/05/1987	Age 32	Juvenile? No	Height 5'03"	Weight 145#	Hair Color BROWN	Eye Color HAZEL	PRN 1731210	
Type Home	Address 256 SW 116 ST							
City SEATTLE		State WASHINGTON		ZIP Code 98146	Date 06/15/2020			

Phone Type CELL	Phone No (206) 787-2125	Date 06/15/2020
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WITNESS 2: COOK,RICHARD D

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 2	Type Individual/Person						
Name COOK,RICHARD D						MNI 1004632	Race WHITE	Sex Male
DOB 04/14/1971	Age 49	Juvenile? No	PRN 1731211					
Phone Type CELL	Phone No (253) 223-2258	Date 06/15/2020						

Vehicle: BRH5906

Involvement Other Involvement	Type AUTO	License No BRH5906	State WASHINGTON	Year 2017	Make Chrysler	Model 300/300m	Style SEDAN
Color SILVER/ALUMINUM	VIN 2C3CCAAG4HH662102						

Property

Prop # 1	Involvement DIGITAL EVIDENCE (Entered in Evidence.com)	Invl Date 06/15/2020	In Custody? No	Security No
Description Photos of scene			Typ A	
Cat Other (none of the above, includes Money)	Article Photographs	IBRS Type Other	Entered Date 06/16/2020	
Entered Time 08:30	RMS Transfer Successful	Control 2239816 0616202115		

Narrative

On 6/15/20, about 1609 hours, I was dispatched to a train vs pedestrian collision on the BNSF tracks in the area of 600 1 Ave S in the City of Kent, County of King, State of Washington. Officer W. Davis arrived first and advised that the pedestrian was still under the train.

When I arrived, I observed that the train was a Sound Transit Sounder Train. It was stopped on the east set of tracks (#2 main) between E Willis ST and S 259 ST and was traveling SB. I went up to the train and saw the pedestrian under one of the cars. Her body had sustained significant trauma, to include a severed arm and a major head wound, and it was obvious she was deceased. Puget Sound Fire responded and confirmed this.

It should be noted that the tracks in this section have "NO TRESPASSING" spray painted all along them.

I initially spoke with the Sound Transit employee who was in the rear car of the train. He told me that the train was SB and had just left Kent Station. At the time of the incident it was traveling between 45-50 MPH when the engineer activated the emergency brake. He said there were seven passenger cars and one locomotive. When

KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE REPORT**Narrative**

they encountered the pedestrian, he said the engineer activated the train's horn to get her to move.

I then went to the locomotive and spoke with WIT Richard Cook who was the engineer of the train. He said that as the train was SB he observed the pedestrian on the west set of tracks (#1 main). As the train approached her, she stumbled from the #1 main to the #2 main and laid down between the rails. She briefly sat up, looked back to see where the train was, and the laid back down. Cook said he activated the emergency brake but was unable to stop in time. He said that a part of her struck the cattle guard on the front of the train as he heard something hit it.

This was most likely her head. I asked Cook where exactly the train struck the pedestrian at and he said it was right where she was still at. When I walked to the rear of the train, I observed 4 beer bottles just north of the rear car which were most likely left by the pedestrian.

Officer Davis took photos of the scene which he uploaded to Evidence.com.

While we were waiting for the ME to arrive a hysterical female, who was identified as Crystal Waiiau Hook, drove to the scene. She believed that the pedestrian under the train was her sister, DEC Cassandra Crouch. When I asked her why she thought her sister was the pedestrian she said that Crouch was a reported missing person out of SeaTac and a family member had found her cell phone at her house and on it were searches of how to commit suicide, particularly involving a train. Waiiau Hook said that she drove around the area looking for her sister near train tracks and came upon our scene.

A male that was with Waiiau Hook pointed out a silver Chrysler 300 (WA BRH5906) that was parked on the west side of the tracks just north of where Crouch was hit. I ran the vehicle's plate through DOL and it returned to Crouch. I took photos of the vehicle and its position near the tracks. Dispatch ran her through WACIC and discovered she was indeed a report missing person out of KSCO. Their case number is C20019036 and was entered on 6/15/20. There was also a caution associated to the hit indicating that Crouch was suicidal and may be withdrawing from Klonopin.

Investigator Applegate with the King County Medical Examiner's Office arrived and processed the scene. Their case number is 20-1689. When the train pulled forward, Crouch's face was too mangled to positively identify her by her DOL photo. However, the tattoos on the missing person hit matched the ones on the body we had. A key fob found with her worked on Chrysler.

I called KPD Records and had them send a locate to KCSO for the missing person hit.

On 6/16/20, about 0730 hours, I called the ME's office and learned they positively identified Crouch via fingerprints.

Case closed.

At the time of this incident I was wearing a department issued AXON Body 2 camera. Footage from my camera will be uploaded to the department digital evidence management system per Kent Police Department Policy.

(IF APPLICABLE) Case Status Update: On (DATE)_____N/A_____, I contacted the VICTIM/RP and informed them of the current status of this case.

By affixing my electronic signature below in the form of my type written name, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct.

R. Brennan_____

Dated this 16 day of June, 2020 , in the City of Kent, Washington.