



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: of 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: The location is difficult to walk to, due to the slope of the grade surrounding the bridge.
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):
Picture from local news source: Clark County Today.

IX. Comments

Event Summary:

On November 16, 2020, at 8:55 pm, Ariel Elizabeth Dalton, age 30, was walking north on BNSF Main 1 Track on the Seattle Sub when she was struck by a northbound BNSF train. Video from the lead locomotive shows she walking within the gage of the railroad tracks. The video and witness statements indicate the individual made an effort to move from the tracks when the train was only 20 yards from the impact sight. The point of impact was at a railroad bridge over Dike Access Road and under Interstate-5 in Woodland, WA. The BNSF locomotive video and data recorder shows the engineer put the train into emergency and sounded the bell and whistle to warn her. The BNSF train was traveling northbound on Main 1 under PTC control, the emergency brakes were applied, and the train slowed to 50 MPH at the time of impact. The primary investigation was completed by the Woodland Police Department with assistance from the Cowlitz County Coroner and BNSF Police. The individual was examined by the Cowlitz County Coroner and determined that the cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma from the locomotive.

Site Description:

The location of the point of impact was on or adjacent to the bridge over Dike Access Road in Woodland, WA. This bridge has steep drop offs at all four corners. There is no access to the tracks in the immediate area. The individual must have walked north along the tracks for some time before being struck. Both sides of the bridge have steep shoulders to the ballast that make it difficult to walk up.

Inspector Recommendations:

No recommendations.

Docket No: TR-200941

Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved 6-15-2021 - EE

Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:

Reviewed and approved to close 6-16-2021 - KH

From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)
To: [ECY RE SWRO ERTS COORDINATOR; "cowlitzdem@gmail.com"; Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\); Kenneth W. Holgard; Mark Daniels \(FRA\); Michael Pirato; Powell, John \(FRA\); Randall Boyington; Stacey Thompson \(Fed Railroad Association Reg 8\); Stacey Weller; Steven Travers; WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: Train vs trespasser - Woodland, State Incident # 20-4035.
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:23:56 AM

Please see the below information involving a railroad incident that has been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please reply to this email upon confirmation of receipt. Thank you

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF

Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Steve Yost, BNSF, 817-593-6823

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 11/16/20, 0918

Time and Date of the Event: 11/16/20, 08:55

Mile post and/or Address of Event: RR MP 115.0 (Woodland)

Circumstances of the Incident: NB freight train struck trespasser, no hazmat, unknown extent of injuries, train was just slowing down.

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: unknown yet

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

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: no

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response: none

Name and Phone Local POC: Kevin Baker, 360-608-9974

Railroad Incident Number: 20K113

State EOC Incident Number: 20-4035

Scott Caldwell
State Emergency Operations Officer
Washington Emergency Management Division
Building 20: MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

Elliott, Vicki (UTC)

From: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Hunter, Kathy (UTC); Kenneth W. Holgard; Mark Daniels (FRA); Michael Pirato; Powell, John (FRA); Randall Boyington; Stacey Thompson (Fed Railroad Association Reg 8); Stacey Weller; Steven Travers; WUTC Rail Reporting (UTC)
Cc: DEM Mailbox
Subject: FW: NRC#1292373 (Train vs Trespasser - Woodland)

Subject report below for WA State incident #20-4035.

State Emergency Operations Officer/ERD
Alert & Warning Center
Operations Unit | Response Section
State Emergency Management Division
(800)-258-5990

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

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Subject: NRC#1292373

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Incident Report # 1292373

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by NRC on 16-NOV-20 at 12:45 ET.
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER
Affected Area:
Incident occurred on 16-NOV-20 at 08:55 local incident time.
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A) / TRESPASSER

REPORTING PARTY

Name: STEVE YOST
Organization: BNSF RAILROAD
Address: 2600 LOU MENK DRIVE
FORT WORTH, TX 76131

Email Address:

PRIMARY Phone: (817)5936823

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Organization:

Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

INCIDENT LOCATION

MILEPOST 115.0 County: COWLITZ

SUB: SEATTLE

City: WOODLAND State: WA

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER REPORTED A FREIGHT TRAIN FATALLY STRUCK A TRESPASSER ON A PASSENGER RAIL TRACK.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO

Location Subdivision: SEATTLE

Railroad Milepost: 115.0

Type of Vehicle Involved:

Crossing Device Type:

Device Operational: YES

DOT Crossing Number:

Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:

Brake Failure: NO

Federal Post-Accident 219.201 Sub Part C Testing Required: NO

Passenger Train Route: YES

Passenger Train Delay Expected: YES

Passenger Train Delay Handling: ONE PASSENGER TRAIN IS BEING DELAYED. PASSENGERS WILL REMAIN ON BOARD OF THE TRAIN.

---RAILROAD INFORMATION---

Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILROAD

Train Number: GMCOKAH9-09

Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction: N

Train Speed: Track Speed:

Locomotives: 3 Cars: 115 Derailed:

Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN

DERAILED CARS:

Pos. Carnumber 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

 Hours Direction of
Closure Type Description of Closure Closed Closure

Air: NO

 Major
Road: NO Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: YES MAIN TRACK 1 & 2 .9 N/S

Passengers Transferred: NO
Environmental Impact: NO
Media Interest: UNKNOWN

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

CALLER STATED THE TRACKS ARE STILL CLOSED FOR INVESTIGATION.
Release Secured: UNKNOWN
Release Rate:
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: RAINY, 47°F Wind speed: 8 MPH Wind direction: ENE

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:
State/Local: LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS;
State/Local On Scene: CLARK COUNTY & COWLITZ COUNTY SHERIFFS
State Agency Number: 20-4035

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (770)4887100
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (206)2207141
COWLITZ DEPT OF EMERGENCY MGMT (COMMAND CENTER)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (360)5773130
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY OPERATION CENTER (SOC))
16-NOV-20 12:54
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)

16-NOV-20 12:54 (703)2355626
DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RGN X)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)8215301
OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)8053379
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)3661863
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)4930636
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (425)4874704
NATIONAL HWY TRANS SAFETY ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)4412924
NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)2829201
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (206)5264911
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (202)3146293
OREGON DEQ (EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (503)2296391
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (877)6204702
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (801)9180995
SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER (DETACHED IMD)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (503)2409370
SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER (MSU PORTLAND)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (503)2409339
OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (800)4520311
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (800)2585990
TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (614)7328440
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (206)3875236
USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))
16-NOV-20 12:54 (206)2207221
VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (617)4942000
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (877)8439522
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)
16-NOV-20 12:54 (360)6641160

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALLER REPORTED WA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGMT, CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF,
COWLITZ COUNTY SHERIFFS WERE NOTIFIED/.

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1292373 ***

Report any problems by calling 1-800-424-8802

From: [Service, Interruption Desk](#)
To: [WUTC Rail Reporting \(UTC\); Halstead, Lori \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: FW: 111620 GMCOKAH909 - trespasser - Seattle sub
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:36:37 AM

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Ticket #: 11407
Create D/T: 11/16/2020 10:58:58 AM
Resource: Port of Woodland EL
Division: Northwest
Subdivision: Seattle
MilePost: 115.0
Line Segment: 52
City: Woodland
County: Cowlitz
State: WA
D Code: 20K113
Train Symbol: GMCOKAH909 (BNSF6009) north

Trouble Code: Trespasser
Trouble Desc: 1055CT G MCOKAH9 09 travelling north on MT1 reported striking a trespasser at MP 115.0, Woodland, WA, not at a crossing. No crew injuries reported, Clark County sheriff reporting the trespasser was fatally injured. Holding trains on all tracks, no route around.

1245CT MT2 released with no restrictions. Coroner's ETA 1315CT.

1325CT Investigation completed and MT1 released.

Train Soup: 115-0-16434-6700'
Train Direction: North
Lead Locos: BNSF 6009, UP 8025
DP Locos: BNSF 6505
Conductor Name: JG McLaren
Engineer Name: TW Jones
Other Name:
On Duty Time and Date: 11/16/2020 6:00:00 AM Crew Origin/Destination: VW CEW

Name of Law Enforcement Agency on scene: Cowlitz County Sheriff FRA Post Accident Testing Required: No
Crossing DOT: Not at a crossing Crossing Equipped With:

Haz Material: No
Haz Material Commodity:
Amount Released: N/A
Impact to Waterway: N/A
Evacuations: N/A
Weather: 47*, light rain, ENE winds 8 mph

State Report number: 20-4035
NRC Report Number: 129 2373

Derailed Equipment:

Estimated Costs & Damages

Track: 0.00 USD

Signal: 0.00 USD

Other: 0.00 USD

Car Damages: 0.00 USD

Locomotive Damages: 0.00 USD

Contractor Expense: 0.00 USD

Estimated Lading Recovery Costs: 0.00 USD Prelim. Lading Loss Estimates: 0.00 USD Trailer/Container Damages:
0.00 USD

FRA Reportable Subtotal: 0.00 USD

Not FRA Reportable Subtotal: 0.00 USD

Estimated Grand Total: 0.00 USD

NOTIFIED event(s):

11/16/20 11:52:27 NOTIFIED - NRC --> 129 2373

11/16/20 11:22:01 NOTIFIED - State --> WA: 20-4035

11/16/20 11:09:28 NOTIFIED - MDPR --> Remedy ticket

11/16/20 11:09:16 NOTIFIED - Mechanical Desk --> Remedy ticket

11/16/20 11:08:07 NOTIFIED - RFE --> Kevin Baker, ETA 1145CT

11/16/20 11:07:38 NOTIFIED - Trainmaster --> Vancouver TM/ voicemail

11/16/20 11:03:47 NOTIFIED - Passenger Service --> Dana Williams

11/16/20 11:02:46 NOTIFIED - NOC GDT --> John Abrahamson

11/16/20 11:02:32 NOTIFIED - ROC --> Daniella

WOODLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Case File Routing & PA Face Sheet

Public Disclosure: OK to Disclose Do Not Not Asked

ADULT

JUVENILE

Original

Follow-Up

In Custody

PA Log # _____

WPD Case # W20-759

Date of Report 11/18/2020

Offense **Fatality Collision**

Officer **C. Sciacca**

Victim(s) **Unidentified at this time**

Send Report to:

City Attorney

Juvenile Court

County PA

Other: **BUSF 11-20-20**

Other:

SUSPECT(s) & CHARGES (List Full Name & DOB)

Suspect #1: **None**

Charge(s): **None**

(If Juvenile - Parents Name, Address, Phone):

Suspect #2:

Charge(s):

(If Juvenile - Parents Name, Address, Phone):

Suspect #3:

Charge(s):

(If Juvenile - Parents Name, Address, Phone):

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CASE CLEARANCE INFORMATION

--Suspended --Cleared by Arrest --Cleared by Exception --Unfounded --Cleared by Sum. / Warr. Request

--Other:

APPROVAL & NOTES

Follow Up Assigned To: _____ Approved By/Date: **Sgt. J. Keller** 11/18/2020

NOTES: At the time of this report we are still waiting to hear back from the coroners office with the ID of the victim. **NOV 18 2020**

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DATE: _____ BY: _____

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Officer Report for Incident W20-759

Nature: Accident, Fatal
Location: 6663

Address: 22 S I-5 and RAILROAD TRACKS
Woodland WA 98674

Offense Codes: ACOT

Received By: SCIACCA C

How Received: 9

Agency: WDPD

Responding Officers: MURRAY B, SCIACCA C, KELLER J, KELLY JA, PATTISON K, Kerney D

Responsible Officer: SCIACCA C

Disposition: **/**/**

When Reported: 09:06:48 11/16/20

Occurred Between: 09:06:48 11/16/20 and 13:00:25 11/16/20

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 72601

Last: BNSF

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 115 INDUSTRIAL WAY

Race:

Sex:

Phone: (360)578-2361

City: Longview, WA 98632

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Additional Offense: ACOT Accident Other

Circumstances

LT42 Open Area Private

Responding Officers:

Unit :

MURRAY B

SCIACCA C

KELLER J

KELLY JA

PATTISON K

Kerney D

Responsible Officer: SCIACCA C

Agency: WDPD

Received By: SCIACCA C

Last Radio Log: **:**:** **/**/**

How Received: 9 911 Line

Clearance:

When Reported: 09:06:48 11/16/20

Disposition: **Date:** **/**/**

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 09:06:48 11/16/20

Misc Entry:

and: 13:00:25 11/16/20

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Modus Operandi: | Description : | Method : |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|

Involvements

| Date | Type | Description | Relationship |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 11/17/20 | Name | BNSF, | Complainant |
| 11/17/20 | Name | MCLAREN, JEFFREY GORDAN | WITNESS |
| 11/17/20 | Name | JONES, THERON WILLIAM | DRIVER |
| 11/17/20 | Name | DIMMITT, MATTHEW R | WITNESS |

Narrative

 NARRATIVE / SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
 Woodland Police Department
 200 East Scott Ave., PO Box 9
 Woodland, Washington 98674
 (360) 225-6965

On 11/16/2020 at approximately 0900 hours I, Officer Christopher Sciacca and Officer Murray (FTO), was dispatched to a report of a train striking a person near I-5 mile post 22. Upon arrival, I observed an unidentified female on the ground up against the guard rail above the mile post 22 I-5 southbound on ramp. I also observed a purse near the train to the south of the female and a black boot between the purse and her. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on seen confirmed that the female was deceased.

I contacted the conductor of the involved train, Jeff McLaren (BNSF# 7320518), who stated he had observed the collision from in the train. McLaren said that he and the train's Engineer, Theron Jones (BNSF# 7317084), had observed the female on the track previous to the collision. McLaren stated that they had observed the female from a distance walking up the middle of the northbound track. McLaren said Jones begun to blow the trains horn in an attempt to alert the female but she was not responsive. At this point, McLaren observed Jones engage the emergency brakes in an attempt to stop the train. I asked McLaren if at any point before the train struck the female if she had acknowledged its presence. McLaren stated it appeared that she attempted to dive out of the way to the west side of the tracks moments before impact.

I went to contact Jones who was still in the cab of the train. Upon approaching the train I observed what appeared to be pieces of human remains on the train's left hand steps. I contacted Jones who appeared distraught about what had happened. Ofc. Murray asked Jones if he could recount what had happened. Jones stated that he had observed something moving on the tracks but could not tell what it was at first. After traveling a short distance further Jones was able to confirm that it was a person walking up the middle of the northbound railroad tracks. Jones said that he blew the train's horn in order to try and alert the female but did not see her respond. Jones said he put on the trains emergency brakes and continued to blow the trains horn but did not see the female respond. When asked if he believed she was attempting to commit suicide Jones said no because it appeared she attempted to get off the tracks just before he could no longer see her. He estimated that his distance from her was approximately 20 yards when she tried to get off the tracks.

Jones stated that he had been traveling between 48 and 50 mph at the time of impact and said this was the typical speed for the train on this stretch of track. Jones elaborated that he was not in physical control of the train but instead had the computer controlling it. Ofc. Murray asked what the intended destination of the train was. Jones responded that he was going to Kalama, WA and further elaborated that his normal route is from Vancouver, WA to Kalama, WA.

The coroner's office was on scene and I made contact with them to see if they had been able to identify the female. They had not been able to locate any

identification on the female's body or purse but stated they would update us when they positively ID her. The coroner provided measurement that showed a distance of 56.5 feet from the purse to the body and the purse was located 7 feet to the west of the train. The collision is believed to have happened near where the purse was found. Measurements showed a distance of 14.2 feet from the black boot to the body. The coroner loaded the body and said they would contact later when ID was made. See the photos in the digital photo file.

BNSF Claims Representative Matt Dimmitt arrived on scene during this time and advised that he would be conducting BNSF's investigation into the accident. Ofc. John Davis of the BNSF police confirmed that the accident had happened at approximately mile marker 114.8. Ofc. Davis confirmed the train ID as GMCOKAH909. Dimmitt later emailed a photo captured from the train video showing the windshield wiper was stopped blocking the view of the north bound track. See image in digital photo file.

At the time of report the involved female has still not been identified.



Ofc. Chris Sciacca 6L14
11/18/2020

Approving Supervisor



Name Involvements:

Complainant : 72601

Last: BNSF

DOB: **/**/**

Race:

Sex:

First:

Dr Lic:

Phone: (360)578-2361

Mid:

Address: 115 INDUSTRIAL WAY

City: Longview, WA 98632

DRIVER : 296811

Last: JONES

DOB: 05/16/61

Race: W

Sex: M

First: THERON

Dr Lic: 4b

Phone: (360)921-5979

Mid: WILLIAM

Address: 5600 NE 300TH CT

City: Camas, WA 98986

WITNESS : 296812

Last: DIMMITT

DOB: **/**/**

Race:

Sex:

First: MATTHEW

Dr Lic:

Phone: (360)418-6203

Mid: R

Address: 1515 W 39TH ST BUILDING F

City: Vancouver, WA 98660

WITNESS : 296810

Last: MCLAREN

DOB: 06/18/70

Race: W

Sex: M

First: JEFFREY

Dr Lic: 4b

Phone: (253)269-8877

Mid: GORDAN

Address: 886 N 47TH AVE

City: Ridgefield, WA 98642

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Date of Report 12/20/2020

Offense Fatality Collision

Officer C. Sciacca

Victim(s) Ariel E Dalton

Send Report to:

City Attorney

Juvenile Court

County PA

Other:

Other:

SUSPECT(s) & CHARGES (List Full Name & DOB)

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NOTES: Victim identified as of 12/20/2020.

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DATE: _____ BY: _____

Supplemental Narratives

Supplemental Narratives Incident W20-759

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Supplement number: 1

Name: SCIACCA C

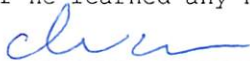
Date: 12:01:18 12/20/20

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On 12/20/2020 at approximately 1100 hours Ofc. Murray received a call from a Shaun Stuart requesting contact in relation to the fatal train collision that occurred on 11/16/2020. Stuart stated in the message that he believes he knows the deceased, Ariel Dalton.

Ofc. Murray contacted Cowlitz County Coroner deputy Nate Guzman to verify the deceased had been identified. I, Ofc. Chris Sciacca returned to the Woodland PD office to meet with Guzman since I had handled the original report. Guzman confirmed that the deceased was identified through fingerprints as Ariel Elizabeth Dalton (DOB: 10/9/1990). Ofc. Murray provided Guzman with contact information for Shaun Stuart for follow up. Guzman said he would be in contact if he learned any new details while speaking with Stuart.



Ofc. Chris Sciacca 6L14
12/20/2020

Approving Supervisor



MEMO TO FILE

DATE: April 13, 2021

FROM: Katie Hancock, Transportation Specialist

SUBJECT: Apparent Cause of Death for UTC Pedestrian Accident 17082

Per a phone conversation on April 13, 2021, with Brett Dundas, Chief Deputy Coroner of the Cowlitz County Medical Examiner's Office at (530) 668-5292, the details of the pedestrian versus train fatality on Nov. 16, 2020, near BNSF Milepost 115.00 in Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington, are as follows:

Cause of death: Multiple blunt force traumatic bodily injuries

Manner of death: Accident

Clark County TODAY.com

Posted by ClarkCountyToday.com

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Unidentified female killed in collision with train near Woodland

An unidentified female was killed Monday when she was hit by a train on the tracks just south of Dike Access Road near Woodland.

Officials from the Woodland Police Department, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, BNSF Police Department and Clark-Cowlitz Fire and Rescue all responded at just after 9 a.m. Monday (Nov. 16) to a pedestrian versus train collision.



An unidentified female was killed Monday when she was hit by a train on the tracks just south of Dike Access Road near Woodland. Photo by Mike Schultz

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene and the Cowlitz County Coroner's Office took possession of the victim and is attempting to identify her. The Woodland Police Department was delayed in reporting the incident by a high volume of calls Monday, including a chase involving officers and a male subject in a motorhome.

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Interstate-5 Bridge # 077858J
Picture taken on May 26, 2021
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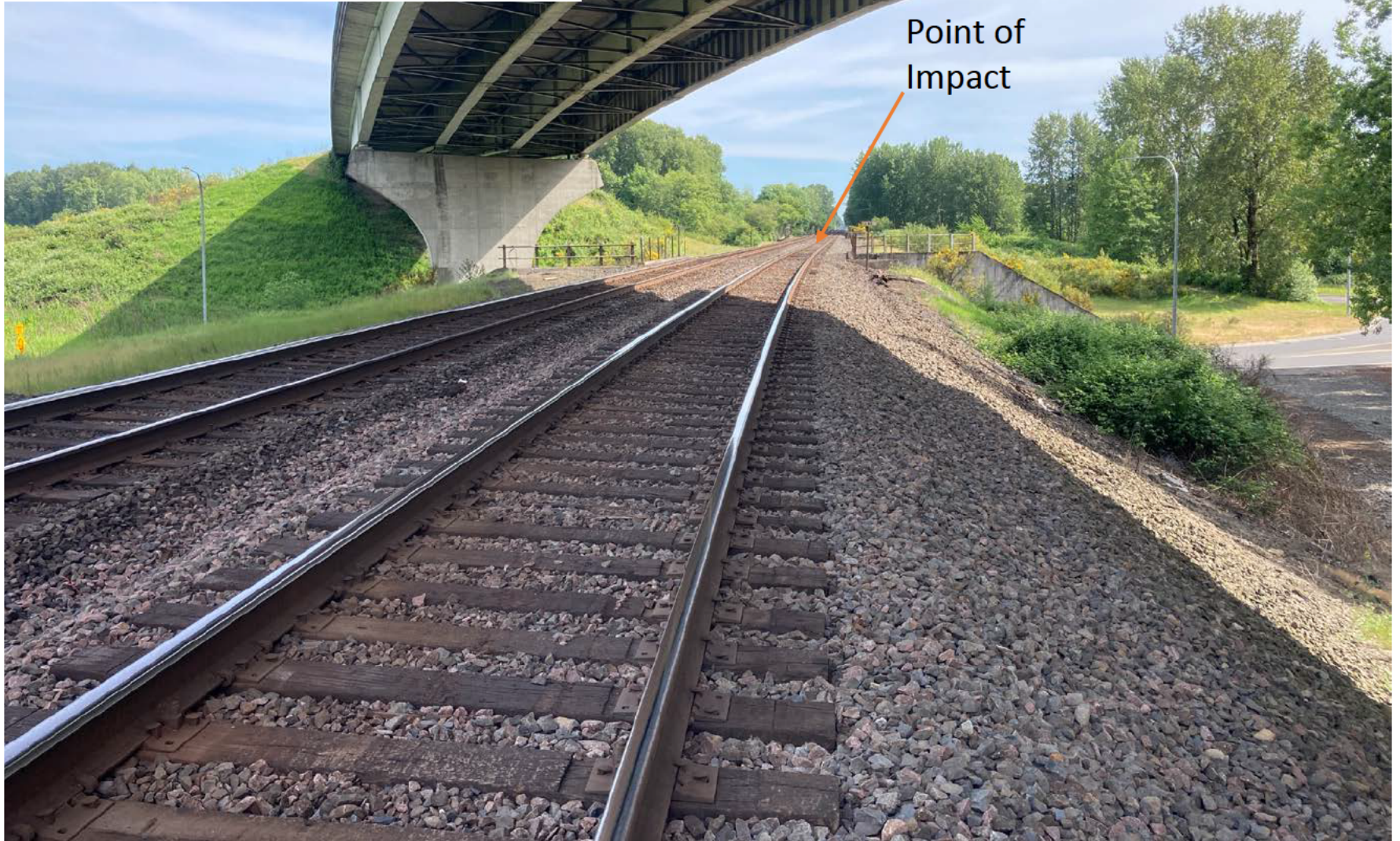


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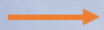


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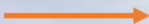
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Trespass trail up steep slope, with little signs of use

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