

# **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 T	restle 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 Un	known							
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 sect	tion apply? Yes No							
-	hicle accident, number of passengers:							
Name:								
Driver: Passenger Pedestrian Age:	Gender: Male Female non-binary							
Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No Suicide	e: Yes No Undetermined							
Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined Information s	supplied by:							
Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Information	supplied by:							
Names of additional fatalities:								

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries Does	s 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) Doe	es this section apply? Yes No
Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes If yes, describe:	Νο
Pedestrian (not at a crossing) information: Accessing If yes, describe:	public area? Yes No
Deterrents at site, e.g. fence, signs, other? Yes If yes, describe:	No
Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No If yes, describe:	
VII. Crossing History Do	es this section apply? Yes No
Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No Dates of prior accidents:	How many?
Description of prior accidents (fatalities, injuries, pro	perty 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:

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 817-593-6823

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 0605/09-08-2020

Time and Date of the Event: 0224/ 09-08-2020

Mile post and/or Address of Event: Snohomish County near Everett mile post 15.0 Scenic Subdivision

Circumstances of the Incident: WB freight train reported seeing a body near the tracks Snohomish County authorities were notified and confirmed it was a deceased body. Undetermined if it is train related at this time

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Fatality

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

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: N/A

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response:

Name and Phone Local POC: Train Master Brandon Long - 909-289-7302

Railroad Incident Number: N/A

State EOC Incident Number: 20-3080

### **State Emergency Operations Officer (SEOO)**

Alert & Warning Center Response Section | Operations Unit Emergency Management Division Washington Military Department 20 Aviation Dr. Camp Murray, WA 98430 (800) 258-5990 DutyOfficer@mil.wa.gov

#### FRA FORM 98

FRA FORM F6180.98 (ALTERNATE) BNSF RAILWAY EMPLOYEE INJURY/ILLNESS RECORD (See FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Report) Personal Injury Report to Trespassers FRA STATUS: REPORTABLE

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ACCIDENT ID:	NW-0920-011	- EVENT DATE: 09/08/2020 EVENT TIME: 02:00 BO
AUTH TYPE:		JT FAC: NO GANG #:
DEPARTMENT:	OPERATIONS	FRN CARR RPT: N/A
RESP LVL 1/2:	NWE NORTHWEST DIVISION / 1399 NON-EMPLOYEE	
SUPV NOTIFIED:	Janet Bates	EMP ID: 1791839 PHONE:
DATE REPORTED:	04/06/2021	
DATE VALIDATED:	04/06/2021	FRA REP: 04/06/21
DT RPTD FRA:		
****		EMP PHONE:
INJURED EMPLOYEE/PERSC		EMPL ID#:
11001122 211 20122, 12100		SEX: MALE
		AGE: 31 DOB: 08/19/1989 LGTH SRV:
	JOB TITLE:	
	HDQ:	HIRE DATE
	ON DUTY:	ON DUTY DATE: ON DUTY TIME:
ACCIDENT/INJURY INFO.		TRAIN ID:
ACCIDENT/INDURI INFO.	Richmond Beach, WA	
	King COUNTY	ON CO PROP: YES
	LINE SEG: 50	MILE POST: 15.0
	Beside track	
	TEMP: 60 °F	LIGHT: Dark
	WEATHER: Cloudy	
	PHYSICAL ACT: Riding	
	LOCATION (1): Main/Branch	
	LOCATION (2): Freight train - moving	
	LOCATION (3): Car, on top of (rail car)	
	EVENT: Slipped, fell, stumbled, other	
	CAUSE: Human factor	
	TOOLS, ETC: Ground	
	EXPOSED HAZ: NO	
	LOST CONSCIOUS: YES	
	INJ/ILL	BODY PART
	FATALLY INJURED	Injuries to multiple body parts of relatively equal severity
INCIDENT CAUSE		beside BNSF tracks. The police determined that the
	trespasser had fallen off the train and was	a fatally injured.
ADDITIONAL INFO	Notified by Washington State Transportation Commission on 4/6/21 rec'd police report fr	on Specialist, Rail Safety Utilities and Transportation com them. JB
MEDICAL ATTENTION	PHYSICIAN:	
	HOSPITAL:	
	, , DIAGNOSIS DATE:	
	DIAGNOSIS: TREATMENT:	
	TREATMENT	COMMENT
	WAS EMPLOYEE TERMINATED/TRANSFERRED DUE TO	
EMPLOYEE STATUS		
	LOST DAYS: 0	RESTRICTED DAYS: 0
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09/08/20

#### SUPERVISOR INFORMATION:

Janet Bates (B179183) {Safety Central Admin} Janet Bates (B179183) {Safety Central Admin} Janet Bates (B179183) {Safety Central Admin}

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BNSF THAT EACH EMPLOYEE WILL BE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND/OR OBTAIN COPY OF ALTERNATE FRA FORM F6180.98 UPON REQUEST.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION CHANGES, THE ACCIDENT REPORTING CENTER IN FT. WORTH MUST BE NOTIFIED.

Ronald J Hennessey Director, System Safety and<sub>PREP</sub> BY: Janet Bates Support 2500 Lou Menk Drive - AOB - First Floor, Fort <sub>Ft</sub> Worth HQ, TX Worth, Texas 76131 04/06/2021

LAST CHANGED: J

Janet Bates 04/06/2021

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#### Information

SIGNED:

This Report has been generated on Tue. 04/06/21 16:56:46 by Janet Bates (B179183) {Safety Central Admin}. • Parameters

Event	= NW-0920-011
Impact	= [NW-0920-011] : Personal Injury - SEVERITY - 000
Representative	= Ronald J Hennessey



# Case Report Compact

**ORI Number:** 

 Print Date/Time:
 03/09/2021 08:32

 Login ID:
 so4351

 Case Number:
 2020-00141331

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office WA0310000

**Case Details:** 

Case Number:	2020-00141331		Incident Type:	Death Investigation			
Location:	POINT WELLS RD / RIC BEACH DR NW	POINT WELLS RD / RICHMOND BEACH DR NW		Occurred From: 09/08/2020 00:42			
	SHORELINE,WA 98177		Occurred Thru:	09/08/2020 02:49			
			Reported Date:	09/08/2020 02:49 Tuesday			
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	ID: SO1413-Monson	Status:	Open	Status Date:	11/02/2020		
	Disposition:	No Crime Occurred	Disposition D	ate: 11/17/2020			
Assigned Bureau	MCU						

#### Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts

### Subjects

Туре	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Deceased	1	GIVAN, TIMMY MEARL	DECEASED 09082020 PER SCME LIST 4463		Black-African American	Male	08/19/1989
			3				31
Reporting Party	1	MACOMBER, GERALD RUSSELL	125 N LENORE AVE	(360) 470-9094	White	Male	11/18/1987
			ARLINGTON,WA 98223				32
Reporting Party	2	CARTER, WESLY EVERETT	19403 VALLEY VIEW DR ARLINGTON,WA 98223	(319) 504-2804	White	Male	08/20/1982 38

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Subject #	1-Deceased							
Primary: Name:	No GIVAN, TIMMY	MEARL	Race:	Black-African American	Sex:	Male	DOB:	08/19/1989
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<u>Subject #</u>	2-Reporting Pa	rty						
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Vehicles								
No. Role	Vehic	le Type Year	Make	Model	C	olor	License Plate	State

### **OfficerID: so1585, Narrative**

2020-141331 Deputy E. Twedt 1585

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The male was almost completely naked but wearing what appeared to be a burgundy colored bra. His head was resting against the western rail and his legs were resting against the eastern rail. His arms appeared to be tucked under his body. I observed a severed hand that had the same complexion and skin color of the body resting a couple feet to the west of the tracks near his head. There was several abrasions and large lacerations covering his body. There was significant trauma to his head and there was pieces of skull and brain matter scattered near the head. It was obvious that the male had been struck by a train or multiple trains.

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I walked under a vehicle bridge that leads down to the Alon Asphalt Plant on the west side of the tracks. A few yards north of the bridge there was another structure over the tracks that appeared to be a very small bridge for pipes that ran to the plant. Underneath the pipe bridge, I observed a pair of black pants that was mostly turned inside out. They appeared to be soiled in blood.

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I returned to my patrol vehicle and met with Deputy Telford. I requested that he provide scene security by the light colored jeans. He remained there until relieved by a dayshift Deputy.

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SHERIFF	3000 Rockefeller Ave Everett, WA 98201 (425) 388-3523	Case Report # 2020-00141331

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LOCATION SIGNED Snohomish County, WA		DATE SIGNED 09/09/2020

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### **OfficerID: so1687, Narrative**

On 9/8/2020, at approximately 0316 I was on routine uniformed patrol in a marked Snohomish County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle when I self-dispatched to the report of a death located at Point Wells Rd and Richmond Beach Dr NW in unincorporated Snohomish County. NORCOM medics were on scene of a deceased male located on the train tracks. Shoreline Police Officers were already on scene requesting SCSO respond as the incident took place in Snohomish County.

I arrived on scene and observed a light skinned deceased black male laying on the tracks. The unidentified male was wearing a purple crop top and a white t-shirt. The male was not wearing pants, underwear, or shoes. I observed several injuries to the males body including a large laceration on his right leg. The laceration was deep enough to show the tendons, muscles, and bone in the leg. I also observed a large burn covering the buttocks, leg, and back of the male. I observed the males left hand was dismembered from the body and was on the opposite side of the railway track approximately a foot away.

I took pictures of the scene and assisted Shoreline PD officers with putting up crime scene tape. These photos were later booked into evidence. Shoreline PD left the scene after crime scene tape was up.

I was tasked with walking approximately a quarter mile north on the tracks to the impact point to maintain custody of the males pants.

I walked down the track and observed a dark pair of pants on the tracks approximately 200 feet south of the initial impact spot. I walked north until I was at the impact point. I observed a light pair of jeans, a tow strap around the knees of the pants, and a single shoe at the spot. There appeared to be a red substance, I presumed to be blood, on the tracks along with chunks of the males hair.

I stood by the pants and maintained custody of them while MCU investigated the incident until I was relieved by day shift Deputies.

This concludes my involvement in this case. See case report for further details.

END OF REPORT

Deputy C.Telford

SO1687

# SO Case Supplement, Officer: so1687, Supervisor: so1314, Merged By: SO4444

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### Case Supplement Report

Case Report # 2020-00141331

### NARRATIVE

On 9/8/2020, at approximately 0316 I was on routine uniformed patrol in a marked Snohomish County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle when I self-dispatched to the report of a death located at Point Wells Rd and Richmond Beach Dr NW in unincorporated Snohomish County. NORCOM medics were on scene of a deceased male located on the train tracks. Shoreline Police Officers were already on scene requesting SCSO respond as the incident took place in Snohomish County.

I arrived on scene and observed a light skinned deceased black male laying on the tracks. The unidentified male was wearing a purple crop top and a white t-shirt. The male was not wearing pants, underwear, or shoes. I observed several injuries to the males body including a large laceration on his right leg. The laceration was deep enough to show the tendons, muscles, and bone in the leg. I also observed a large burn covering the buttocks, leg, and back of the male. I observed the males left hand was dismembered from the body and was on the opposite side of the railway track approximately a foot away.

I took pictures of the scene and assisted Shoreline PD officers with putting up crime scene tape. These photos were later booked into evidence. Shoreline PD left the scene after crime scene tape was up.

I was tasked with walking approximately a quarter mile north on the tracks to the impact point to maintain custody of the males pants.

I walked down the track and observed a dark pair of pants on the tracks approximately 200 feet south of the initial impact spot. I walked north until I was at the impact point. I observed a light pair of jeans, a tow strap around the knees of the pants, and a single shoe at the spot. There appeared to be a red substance, I presumed to be blood, on the tracks along with chunks of the males hair.

I stood by the pants and maintained custody of them while MCU investigated the incident until I was relieved by day shift Deputies.

This concludes my involvement in this case. See case report for further details.

END OF REPORT

Deputy C.Telford

SO1687

This report was submitted from an electronic device owned, issued, or maintained by a law enforcement agency using my user ID and password. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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### 2020-141331 Drawings





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# Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office Body Diagram





### **OfficerID: so1413, Narrative**

On 09-08-20 at approximately 0520 hours I was notified that SCSO units were at the scene of a possible train vs pedestrian collision near Point Wells Rd. and Richmond Beach Dr. in Snohomish County. I contacted Detective Bilyeu who was at the scene and he requested that I respond to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Upon arriving I was directed to the BNSF railroad tracks west of Richmond Beach Dr. near Point Wells Rd. I contacted Detectives Bilyeu and Fontenot who were at the scene. They told me they had been called into service after a deceased male was found on the railroad tracks at this location. They were initially told that the death appeared suspicious due to a nylon strap found approximately a quarter of a mile north of the deceased male. It was later determined that the nylon strap was likely not related to the incident aside from possibly being used as wrapping material for a bundle of clothing found on the tracks.

After speaking to Detective Bilyeu I made my way to the location of the deceased male. The train tracks where the male was found are situated in a north/south direction west of Richmond Beach Dr. The tracks are active and used by both freight and passenger train service. There are two sets of parallel tracks at this location as well as a track switch for an abandoned spur line that had been used in the past to service the industrial area at Point Wells. A Burlington Northern employee told me they no longer service or use the spur line and the two main tracks are traveled on dozens of times each day. As I made my way to the tracks I saw the body of a deceased male, later identified as Timmy Givan, lying between the rails on the westernmost set of tracks. Givan was lying face down with his arms tucked beneath him. Givan's head was near the west rail and his feet were near the east rail. I could see that the male had severe burns (road rash) along his back, outer left thigh and calf. There was also a significant injury to the lower right shin and heel of Givan. As I walked closer I saw a severed hand and arm lying on the ground approximately two feet west and south of Givan just outside the tracks. The severed arm was typical of injuries commonly observed in train vs pedestrian collisions. As I approached Givan I found small pieces of what appeared to be bone and brain matter scattered on the rocks between the rails near Givan's body. Most of Givan's clothing had either been torn or fallen off and he was only wearing portions of a shirt and one sock. The tearing and removal of clothing is also commonly seen in train vs pedestrian collision.

After reaching the tracks I began looking to see if a point of impact could be determined. Approximately 13 feet north of Givan I found a large metal bolt near the southern edge of the track switch that had a large amount of blood, bone and what appeared to be brain matter around it. It appeared that Givan's head had struck the bolt with significant force. Approximately twenty feet north of the bolt a torn piece of red shirt material was torn and wedged at the south end of the track switch. The red shirt material matched the torn shirt that Givan was still wearing. I determined that Givan had likely been drug along the tracks by a southbound train up to the point where his shirt became wedged in the track switch. It appeared that Givan was likely pulled free from the train when his clothing became caught in the track switch. I continued walking north and located several other items of clothing over the next 1150 feet. The clothing was found on the railroad ties in the westernmost track. There were also numerous blood drops found on the rocks and on the railroad ties along the tracks. I saw scraping and scuffs on the railroad ties which were consistent with an object being drug along the railroad ties. The blood drops, articles of clothing, scraping and scuffs on the railroad ties extended approximately 1160 feet to the north from the final resting position of the Givan. No other evidence was located beyond the clothing found nearly a quarter of a mile north of Givan.

After walking through the scene I met with Captain Tyler Nies from the BNSF Police Department who had responded to the scene. Captain Nies told me the last southbound train that had come through the area was being held in Longview so that it could be examined for evidence of a collision. I was told that a request had been made for BNSF to review video from any locomotives that came through the area to determine where Givan had been when he was struck. While speaking to Captain Nies we discussed the possibility that Givan may have been riding a train and fallen off. Captain Nies told me it is not uncommon for people to climb on trains that are stopped. I was told that pedestrians often board trains between cars and it is possible for a person to ride in a well if a train car is carrying a shorter container. I asked what a well was and was told that it is an open area on a train car that is either empty or carrying a smaller container. I was told that there is usually a cross brace in the well to support the container but is otherwise open to the tracks below. I was told that it would be easy for a person to lose footing and fall through the opening to the tracks below the train cars. I asked Captain Nies to notify me if any video was located or he was able to determine which train had struck Givan. Captain Nies later informed me that all southbound trains that had passed through the area were examined and no evidence of a pedestrian collision was found on any of the locomotives.

Based on the length of the scene and injuries observed on Givan I believe it was highly likely he had fallen from a passing train and had been drug along to tracks to the point where his clothing became entangled in the track switch. The severe burns observed on Givan's back and legs were consistent with him being drug along the railroad ties for a significant distance. I believe Givan was pulled free from the train when his clothing became caught in the track switch. Givan was likely still under at least one railroad car when his head struck the large metal bolt causing the severe head injury.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and asked to respond to the scene to take custody of Givan. Chelsea Warneke, a SCMEO investigator, responded to the scene to take custody of Givan. I stood by while Warneke completed her investigation and removed Givan from the scene. Prior to leaving Warneke provided me with their case number which was 200908-199.

On 09-10-20 I spoke to Captain Nies and learned that video from a southbound locomotive had been located that showed where the collision occurred. Captain Nies told me he would try to arrange a time to view the video.

On 09-10-20 I spoke to Ladonna Ojeda who was Givan's mother. She told me her son had been struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Ladonna told me Givan had been hanging around people who she believed may have been taking advantage of him and she was suspicious of his death being suicide or an accident. She told me as far as she knew he hadn't been known to jump

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trains to get around. She told me Givan was nearly blind and it was unusual for him to be this far north of Seattle. She didn't have any specific information to suggest that Givan was the victim of foul play and was trying to figure out why he would have been in Edmonds or Shoreline. I told Ladonna I would look into his recent contacts with the police and was waiting to review video from the last train through the area where he was found to determine if he had been on the tracks prior to being struck.

On 10-14-20 I met with Captain Nies at the Everett BNSF office to review the video from the last southbound train to pass through the area where Givan was found. I was able to review the video and saw that it captured the view from the lead engine of a southbound train. The date shown on the video was 09-08-20 and the listed time was 07:42:30 UTC. The video began north of the scene and captured a light colored object on the railroad ties between the rails on the westernmost track. The light colored object appeared to be clothing and was clearly too small to be a person. I determined that this object was the first article of clothing found approximately 1160 feet north of where Givan was found. I reviewed the remainder of the video as the train continued southbound beyond the location where Givan was found. Givan was not captured on the video and there was no evidence that he had been on the tracks as the train passed through the area. While reviewing the video I saw that the train appeared to be accelerating. Captain Nies told me it was likely the train had been stopped near Edmonds to allow other traffic on the rail to pass before continuing southbound. Based on the video I determined that Givan was not struck by the engine of this train and had likely fallen off the train. Since the train appeared to be accelerating after a stop near Edmonds it is likely Givan boarded the train near Edmonds and either lost his footing or fell as the train was accelerating back up to speed.

On 10-15-20 I spoke to Givan's mother Ladonna. I told her that I was able to review the video from the train and determined that Givan had most likely fallen off the train. I was able to look at Givan's recent police contacts in Snohomish County and saw that on 08-18-20 he had been contacted by Edmonds Police Department near Chroma Salon after he was reported to be crawling around shirtless throwing food. Givan was contacted again on 08-20-20 by Mukilteo Police Department near Olympic View Middle School when he was again acting strange. Ladonna told me Givan's strange behavior didn't surprise her but she was not sure how or why he was in Edmonds and Mukilteo.

Based on my observations at the scene, injuries to Givan and review of video from the last southbound BNSF train I have determined the Givan had accidentally fallen off the last southbound train to pass through the area where he was found. It is likely Givan boarded the train just north of Point Wells as video evidence from the train showed that it had been stopped or significantly slowed just north of the scene. Although it is unknown why Givan was in the Snohomish County on 09-08-20 his recent contacts in Edmonds and Mukilteo showed that he had been in the area at some point during the previous month. End of report.

Detective Marc Monson #1413 11-17-20

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### NARRATIVE

On 09-08-20 at approximately 0520 hours I was notified that SCSO units were at the scene of a possible train vs pedestrian collision near Point Wells Rd. and Richmond Beach Dr. in Snohomish County. I contacted Detective Bilyeu who was at the scene and he requested that I respond to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Upon arriving I was directed to the BNSF railroad tracks west of Richmond Beach Dr. near Point Wells Rd. I contacted Detectives Bilyeu and Fontenot who were at the scene. They told me they had been called into service after a deceased male was found on the railroad tracks at this location. They were initially told that the death appeared suspicious due to a nylon strap found approximately a quarter of a mile north of the deceased male. It was later determined that the nylon strap was likely not related to the incident aside from possibly being used as wrapping material for a bundle of clothing found on the tracks.

After speaking to Detective Bilyeu I made my way to the location of the deceased male. The train tracks where the male was found are situated in a north/south direction west of Richmond Beach Dr. The tracks are active and used by both freight and passenger train service. There are two sets of parallel tracks at this location as well as a track switch for an abandoned spur line that had been used in the past to service the industrial area at Point Wells. A Burlington Northern employee told me they no longer service or use the spur line and the two main tracks are traveled on dozens of times each day. As I made my way to the tracks I saw the body of a deceased male, later identified as Timmy Givan, lying between the rails on the westernmost set of tracks. Givan was lying face down with his arms tucked beneath him. Givan's head was near the west rail and his feet were near the east rail. I could see that the male had severe burns (road rash) along his back, outer left thigh and calf. There was also a significant injury to the lower right shin and heel of Givan. As I walked closer I saw a severed hand and arm lying on the ground approximately two feet west and south of Givan just outside the tracks. The severed arm was typical of injuries commonly observed in train vs pedestrian collisions. As I approached Givan I found small pieces of what appeared to be bone and brain matter scattered on the rocks between the rails near Givan's body. Most of Givan's clothing had either been torn or fallen off and he was only wearing portions of a shirt and one sock. The tearing and removal of clothing is also commonly seen in train vs pedestrian collision.

After reaching the tracks I began looking to see if a point of impact could be determined. Approximately 13 feet north of Givan I found a large metal bolt near the southern edge of the track switch that had a large amount of blood, bone and what appeared to be brain matter around it. It appeared that Givan's head had struck the bolt with significant force. Approximately twenty feet north of the bolt a torn piece of red shirt material was torn and wedged at the south end of the track switch. The red shirt material matched the torn shirt that Givan was still wearing. I determined that Givan had likely been drug along the tracks by a southbound train up to the point where his shirt became wedged in the track switch. It appeared that Givan was likely pulled free from the train when his clothing became caught in the track switch. I continued walking north and located several other items of clothing over the next 1150 feet. The clothing was found on the railroad ties along the tracks. I saw scraping and scuffs on the railroad ties which were consistent with an object being drug along the railroad ties. The blood drops, articles of clothing, scraping and scuffs on the railroad ties extended approximately 1160 feet to the north from the final resting position of the Givan. No other evidence was located beyond the clothing found nearly a quarter of a mile north of Givan.

After walking through the scene I met with Captain Tyler Nies from the BNSF Police Department who had responded to the scene. Captain Nies told me the last southbound train that had come through the area was being held in Longview so that it

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could be examined for evidence of a collision. I was told that a request had been made for BNSF to review video from any locomotives that came through the area to determine where Givan had been when he was struck. While speaking to Captain Nies we discussed the possibility that Givan may have been riding a train and fallen off. Captain Nies told me it is not uncommon for people to climb on trains that are stopped. I was told that pedestrians often board trains between cars and it is possible for a person to ride in a well if a train car is carrying a shorter container. I asked what a well was and was told that it is an open area on a train car that is either empty or carrying a smaller container. I was told that it would be easy for a person to lose footing and fall through the opening to the tracks below the train car. We discussed the possibility that Givan could have been riding a train, fallen onto the tracks and become entangled beneath the train cars. I asked Captain Nies to notify me if any video was located or he was able to determine which train had struck Givan. Captain Nies later informed me that all southbound trains that had passed through the area were examined and no evidence of a pedestrian collision was found on any of the locomotives.

Based on the length of the scene and injuries observed on Givan I believe it was highly likely he had fallen from a passing train and had been drug along to tracks to the point where his clothing became entangled in the track switch. The severe burns observed on Givan's back and legs were consistent with him being drug along the railroad ties for a significant distance. I believe Givan was pulled free from the train when his clothing became caught in the track switch. Givan was likely still under at least one railroad car when his head struck the large metal bolt causing the severe head injury.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and asked to respond to the scene to take custody of Givan. Chelsea Warneke, a SCMEO investigator, responded to the scene to take custody of Givan. I stood by while Warneke completed her investigation and removed Givan from the scene. Prior to leaving Warneke provided me with their case number which was 200908-199.

On 09-10-20 I spoke to Captain Nies and learned that video from a southbound locomotive had been located that showed where the collision occurred. Captain Nies told me he would try to arrange a time to view the video.

On 09-10-20 I spoke to Ladonna Ojeda who was Givan's mother. She told me her son had been struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Ladonna told me Givan had been hanging around people who she believed may have been taking advantage of him and she was suspicious of his death being suicide or an accident. She told me as far as she knew he hadn't been known to jump trains to get around. She told me Givan was nearly blind and it was unusual for him to be this far north of Seattle. She didn't have any specific information to suggest that Givan was the victim of foul play and was trying to figure out why he would have been in Edmonds or Shoreline. I told Ladonna I would look into his recent contacts with the police and was waiting to review video from the last train through the area where he was found to determine if he had been on the tracks prior to being struck.

On 10-14-20 I met with Captain Nies at the Everett BNSF office to review the video from the last southbound train to pass through the area where Givan was found. I was able to review the video and saw that it captured the view from the lead engine of a southbound train. The date shown on the video was 09-08-20 and the listed time was 07:42:30 UTC. The video began north of the scene and captured a light colored object on the railroad ties between the rails on the westernmost track. The light colored object appeared to be clothing and was clearly too small to be a person. I determined that this object was the first article of clothing found approximately 1160 feet north of where Givan was found. I reviewed the

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remainder of the video as the train continued southbound beyond the location where Givan was found. Givan was not captured on the video and there was no evidence that he had been on the tracks as the train passed through the area. While reviewing the video I saw that the train appeared to be accelerating. Captain Nies told me it was likely the train had been stopped near Edmonds to allow other traffic on the rail to pass before continuing southbound. Based on the video I determined that Givan was not struck by the engine of this train and had likely fallen off the train. Since the train appeared to be accelerating after a stop near Edmonds it is likely Givan boarded the train near Edmonds and either lost his footing or fell as the train was accelerating back up to speed.

On 10-15-20 I spoke to Givan's mother Ladonna. I told her that I was able to review the video from the train and determined that Givan had most likely fallen off the train. I was able to look at Givan's recent police contacts in Snohomish County and saw that on 08-18-20 he had been contacted by Edmonds Police Department near Chroma Salon after he was reported to be crawling around shirtless throwing food. Givan was contacted again on 08-20-20 by Mukilteo Police Department near Olympic View Middle School when he was again acting strange. Ladonna told me Givan's strange behavior didn't surprise her but she was not sure how or why he was in Edmonds and Mukilteo.

Based on my observations at the scene, injuries to Givan and review of video from the last southbound BNSF train I have determined the Givan had accidentally fallen off the last southbound train to pass through the area where he was found. It is likely Givan boarded the train just north of Point Wells as video evidence from the train showed that it had been stopped or significantly slowed just north of the scene. Although it is unknown why Givan was in the Snohomish County on 09-08-20 his recent contacts in Edmonds and Mukilteo showed that he had been in the area at some point during the previous month.

End of report.

Detective Marc Monson #1413 11-17-20

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#### September 8, 2020

At approximately 0400 hours I received a phone call from Sgt. Scot Fenter of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit. I am a detective assigned to the Major Crimes Unit and Sgt. Fenter was calling to let me know that SCSO patrol units were at the scene of a suspicious death on the railroad tracks near Point Wells. He directed me to respond to the scene and conduct an initial evaluation to determine if the death was a criminal event or a train vs. pedestrian accident.

Sgt. Fenter explained that patrol units had called him to alert him to the incident, advising that there was a decapitated male on the tracks with additional significant trauma likely associated with being struck by a train. He added that the patrol units were also suspicious because of a section of a tow strap and other debris on/near the railroad tracks. There appeared to be a concern from the patrol units that the male had been placed on the tracks prior to death because of the debris and because the male had not been spotted alive by any train personnel (as in walking on the tracks), rather he had been spotted after death by a passing train crew.

After talking with Sgt. Fenter, I phoned my partner, Detective Dave Fontenot, and alerted him to the incident. He agreed to meet me at the scene.

I then drove to the area of Point Wells and arrived at approximately 0517 hours, noting the presence of SCSO and BNSF personnel.

(Note – Point Wells is the southernmost geographical land mass of western Snohomish County along the shores of Puget Sound. Access is made via driving through Shoreline/King County, parking and then walking a short distance north along the BNSF railroad tracks or walking a significant distance south from the City of Edmonds on the tracks. An industrial plant occupies the land mass area west of the tracks at the Snohomish/King county line, which follow the eastern shoreline of Puget Sound. A well-known gay/nude beach sits immediately north of the industrial plant in a wooded area not visible from any roadways and only accessible via trespassing on the BNSF property)

Once on scene I met with SCSO patrol deputies Twedt and Daugherty. They walked me from the roadway down a narrow dirt path to the double set of BNSF railroad tracks several feet below the elevation of the roadway. I noted the path was well worn and assumed it was used by people who accessed the shoreline and nearby beach areas.

The double set of tracks in this area are oriented north/south and follow the shoreline of Puget Sound. Generally, the west side of the tracks will have a descending rock wall, and below that wall will be the narrow beaches and the water of Puget Sound. Generally, to the east of the tracks there will be a steep and wooded hillside, atop of which are residential neighborhoods looking down upon the tracks and/or out over Puget

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Sound. There are areas wide enough for people to walk along either set of tracks, and an area to walk between the tracks as well.

The immediate area of the Point Wells industrial park is unique in that it causes the western side of the BNSF tracks to be a significant distance from the waters of Puget Sound. There is short spur set of tracks which lead from the main track into the industrial plant, but we came to learn that the spur tracks are no longer in use. Access to the industrial plant is via a lone vehicle bridge over the tracks, and access to the bridge is limited due to gates and fencing.

In general, if a person is in this area, they are either a resident, an employee of the plant, or someone trespassing on the BNSF rails to gain access to the shoreline and beach areas.

### (Note - I kept all the above information in mind as I was led to the body and began my scene investigation)

Once at the body I could see that it was a younger black male with significant trauma to various parts of his body. He was face down within the western set of tracks, with his head/arms towards the west and his feet towards the east. He was also just south of the above-mentioned set of spur tracks leading into the industrial plant.

I immediately noted that the male was not decapitated as had been reported, rather his left arm was amputated near the elbow, with the hand/arm located just outside of the rail. His head had suffered severe trauma with some exposed brain matter and obvious skull fractures.

Most of his clothing was missing, except for one sock and portions of a shirt. I could see severe abrasions and gashes over many areas of the body. My initial assessment from looking at the body was that this person had not been struck by a train as if he had been on the tracks, rather it appeared he had been dragged some distance by a train.

Detective Fontenot arrived and we walked with the SCSO patrol units north along the tracks for approximately a quarter mile, spotting various locations of blood spatter, small pieces of human tissue, as well as hair along the way. I was able to view the various pieces of debris along the tracks and the small piece of the tow strap mentioned above. None of the debris appeared to be associated with any criminal event, and there was no apparent connection to the body. The same was true for the small section of a yellow tow strap.

I did note various pieces of clothing along the western track which did appear to be associated with the body. The random locations of the clothing along the approximate quarter mile stretch of track (from the body to the

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northern most clothing) did certainly support the theory that the male had been below the train as it traveled south, bouncing and dragging along the rocks and thick wooden ties between the rails.

After walking the tracks to the north, we were near the above-mentioned beach immediately adjacent to the industrial plant. I could see garbage and debris associated with homeless camps and transient populations, so we walked the wooded trails to see if anyone was present who may have witnessed what occurred or see if there was a camp associated with the deceased male. Both the wooded area and beach area were vacant, and no transient camps of any type were located. Based upon these observations I concluded that the deceased male likely had no association with the wooded beach area.

After all the above had been accomplished it was apparent that the death was not criminal in nature as zero evidence had been located to suggest anything other than an accident or possible suicide.

I then phoned Detective Marc Monson of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit and advised him of the incident, indicating that it appeared the deceased male had died as a result of a train vs. pedestrian incident and not a criminal event which MCU would investigate.

Detective Monson agreed to respond to the scene and assume responsibility for the investigation which was now focusing on the accident theory.

Once Detective Monson arrived, we walked the tracks as I had earlier, and he too concluded that the incident appeared to be a train vs. pedestrian incident and not a criminal event.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office was called, and investigator Chelsea Warneke eventually arrived at the scene. She took her own photographs and eventually gather the deceased male and his severed arm for transport to the SCME office for additional examination. SCSO units gathered what clothing had been located along/within the tracks.

Of note, we did not locate any identification for the male, nor did we locate any type of backpack or other bag he may have been in possession of.

Please other reports, the SCME examination, and photographs for additional information.

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The initial information I received was a deceased male was located on the tracks without his head and significant body injury that would be consistent with having been struck by or fell from a train. The suspicious nature as reported by patrol the presence of a section of strap and some other debris the patrol deputies had seen during their respective response.

I spoke with my MCU partner, Detective Dave Bilyeu and responded to the scene. I arrive in the area about 0515 Hrs. Deputies Twedt and Daugherty provided a briefing of their actions and the scene, below the street level on a well worn and travelled path we walked to the train tracks. The area is along and accessible to the shoreline and according to patrol an area known for assorted encampments for homeless individuals.

The noted two sets of tracks running north and south along the shoreline. Across from the tracks is a fenced industrial area however I noted several areas along the track grade that would easily allow for walking along the tracks, I also noted numerous signs warning of the trains and prohibiting entry to the area.

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The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office was summoned, and investigator Chelsea Warneke arrived on scene to collect the remains. I assisted her in gathering the assorted remains of the subject from the tracks and transport of the remains to her vehicle.

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### **MEMO TO FILE**

**DATE**: March 15, 2021

FROM: Katie Hancock, Transportation Specialist

### SUBJECT: Apparent Cause of Death for UTC Pedestrian Accident 17142

Per a phone conversation on March 15, 2021, with Max Cantu, Investigator of the Snohomish County Coroner Office at (425) 438-6200, the cause and manner of death of Timmy Mearl Givan on September 8, 2020, at 0224 hours and found near BNSF Railway Co. train at milepost 15.000, in Everett, Snohomish County were as follows:

Cause of death: multiple skull fractures and brain lacerations due to blunt force injury due to being struck by train.

Manner of death: Accident

# Man found dead on train tracks in Edmonds



by KOMO News Staff

(KOMO file photo)

EDMONDS, Wash. -- A man has been found dead on the train tracks in Edmonds early Tuesday morning.

Deputies were called to the tracks near Richmond Beach Dive at Point Wells Road around 3 a.m. for a report of a body, according to Courtney O'Keefe with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. They arrived to find a man in his 20s dead on the tracks.

Detectives are still looking into what happened, but believe the victim had been hanging onto a train before falling onto the tracks, O'Keefe said.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner will confirm the manner of death and eventually identify the man.