



# Rail Incident Investigation Report

Docket No: TR-		Report Date:	
Railroad Owning Track:		Railroad Operating on Track:	
FRA Investigation: Yes      No		Inspector:	
<b>I. Type of Accident</b>			
Public Crossing	Private Crossing	Trestle	Pedestrian at Crossing
Pedestrian Not at Crossing	Other (explain)		
<b>II. Time and Location of Accident</b>			
Date:		Time:	
USDOT Crossing No.:		UTC Crossing No.:	
Railroad Milepost:		GPS Identifier: Lat:	Lon:
Number of Tracks:		City:	County:
Road name, yard name, bridge:			
<b>III. Conditions Surrounding the Accident</b>			
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:			
<b>IV. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Fatalities</b>			
<b>Does this section apply?</b>		<b>Yes      No</b>	
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:**



**Approximate Location**



**Sight Distance North**



**Sight Distance South**



NO TRESPASSING

**Signal Base**



NO TRESPASSING

01021

NO TRESPASSING

**Ecology Block**

FRA FORM 97 REI

FRA FORM F6180.97 (ALTERNATE)  
 BNSF RAILWAY  
 RAIL EQUIPMENT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT RECORD  
 (See FRA Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Report)  
 NON-REPORTABLE Other (specify)  
 Northwest Division

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 PRIMARY CAUSE: M404 Object or equipment on or fouling track - other than above (for vandalism, see code M503)  
 CONTRIBUTING:  
 INCIDENT TYPE: Other (specify)  
 ACCIDENT ID: NW-1220-108      EVENT DATE: 12/18/2020      EVENT TIME: 07:32  
 AUTH TYPE: 20M101      JT FAC: YES      JOINT CARR: SDRX  
 DATE REPORTED: 12/18/2020      REPORTABLE:      FRN CARR RPT: N/A  
 LEVEL 1: FO      LEVEL 2: SYSTEM  
 TRK MAINT/FRN ACDNT ID: NW-1220-108  
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ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

CITY/ST: Kent / WA      COUNTY: King  
 TEMP: 35 °F      VISIBILITY: Dawn      WEATHER: Rain  
 LINE SEG: 51      MILE POST: 18.5  
 SUBDIVISION: SEATTLE  
 RR TRACK BNSF Railway Company  
 MTCE:  
 TRACK TYPE: Main  
 TRACK NBR: MAIN 1 TRACK  
 TRACK NAME: MAIN 1 TRACK  
 FRA TK 4      MAX ALLOWABLE SPEED: 79 mi/h  
 CLASS:      SWITCH: NO  
 CURVE: NO      %TEST GRADE:  
 GRADE: Level

TRAIN INFO:	OWNER	SPEED	E/R	DIR	TYPE EQPT	ETD #
A-1510-1-18A	SDRX	070 mi/h	E	N	Commuter Train - Pulling	

CREW INFO:	NAME	EMPL ID	TIME ON DUTY	INJURY FLAG	DRUG/ALCHL
A-1510-1-18A					
ROAD ENGINEER (EN)	Goaslind Kevin B	1086792	05:26	NO	NO / NO
ROAD CONDUCTOR (CO)	Nichols Daniel L	7421860	05:26	NO	NO / NO

INJURY INFO: (FRA REPORTABLE)

	INJURIES			FATALITIES		
	RR EMP	PSNGR	OTHER	RR EMP	PSNGR	OTHER
A-1510-1-18A:	0	0	0	0	0	0

COST INFO:

FRA COSTS	CAR	LOCO	TRACK	STRUCTURE	SIGNAL	TOTAL FRA
A-1510-1-18A	0	0	0	0	0	0
NON-FRA	INTMDL EQ	LADING	CLEARING	ENVIRNMTL	OTHER	TOT NON-FRA
A-1510-1-18A	0	0	0	0	0	0
	FRA	NON-FRA	GRAND TOTAL			
A-1510-1-18A	0	0	0			
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0			

DERAIL      CABOOSE      HAZARDOUS

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 See 49 C.F.R. 225.7(b).

CAR INFO:					IN							
	LDS	MTYS	LDS	MTYS	TRAIN	DRAIL	CNT	RLSE	DMG/DRAIL	TONNAGE	LENGTH	
A-1510-1-18A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378	678	

TOTAL CARS: 6      TOTAL CARS DERAILED: 0  
TOTAL LOCOS: 2      TOTAL LOCOS DERAILED: 0

EQUIPMENT/LOCO INFO:

TRAIN ID: A-1510-1-18A

LOCO	LOCO					EST DAMAGE	FUEL				
INIT	NUMB	POS	HEAD	POSITION	FIRST/CAUSING	DERAIL	AMOUNT	RLS	QTY	MEASURE	HP
SDRX	111	001		Head end	YES / NO	NO		NO			
SDRX	923	006		Rear remote	NO / NO	NO		NO			

INIT	NUMB	POS	HD	POS	IM					DRL			CAR			
INIT	NUMB	POS	HD	CAR	FLG	F/C	L/E	DEST	ST	CONSIGNEE	FLG	HAZ	MTL	HAZ	REL	DAMAGE

COMMENTS:

On 12/18/2020 at 07:32 PST, a deceased female (adult) was found near the tracks at or near MP 18.7X on the Seattle subdivision in Auburn, WA. Local law enforcement believe this to be train related. Last two known trains through this location were Sounder trains, A 15101-18A and A 15121-18A. Sounder to be placed on notice. THE BODY DONE DAMAGE TO A SIGNAL SHUNT BOX

LAST CHANGED: Aaron Carlisle  
12/29/2020

SIGNED:

PREP BY: Aaron Carlisle  
Ft Worth HQ, TX  
12/18/2020

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Information

This Report has been generated on Tue. 04/06/21 15:07:15 by Janet Bates (B179183) {Safety Central Admin}.

Parameters

Event = NW-1220-108

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: NON-REPORTABLE

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATE WIRE \*\*\*\*\*
ACCIDENT ID: NW-1220-108
AUTH TYPE: 20M101
DEPARTMENT: OTHER DEPARTMENTS
RESP LVL 1/2: FO FOREIGN-SPECIAL USE /
SUPV NOTIFIED: Elliot Hassan
DATE REPORTED: 12/18/2020
DATE VALIDATED: 01/06/2021
EVENT DATE: 12/18/2020 EVENT TIME: 07:32 BO
JT FAC: YES GANG #:
FRN CARR RPT: N/A
EMP ID: 0014183 PHONE: 2532040637
FRA REP:
EMP PHONE:

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INJURED EMPLOYEE/PERSON Stephanie Dix
EMPL ID#:
SEX: FEMALE
AGE: 32 DOB: 06/13/1988
LGTH SRV:
HIRE DATE
ON DUTY DATE: ON DUTY TIME:
TRAIN ID:

ACCIDENT/INJURY INFO. Kent, WA
King COUNTY
LINE SEG: 51
Trespasser
TEMP: 35 °F
WEATHER: Rain
PHYSICAL ACT: Laying
LOCATION (1): Main/Branch
LOCATION (2): Passenger train - moving
LOCATION (3): Track, on
EVENT: Struck by on-track equipment
CAUSE: Trespassing
TOOLS, ETC: Ground
EXPOSED HAZ: NO
LOST CONSCIOUS: YES
ON CO PROP: NO
MILE POST: 18.5
LIGHT: Dawn

INJ/ILL BODY PART
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FATALLY INJURED Injuries to multiple body parts of relatively equal severity

INCIDENT CAUSE Trespasser struck and fatality injured by passenger train on tracks.

ADDITIONAL INFO

MEDICAL ATTENTION
PHYSICIAN:
HOSPITAL:
DIAGNOSIS DATE:

DIAGNOSIS:
TREATMENT:

TREATMENT COMMENT
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WAS EMPLOYEE TERMINATED/TRANSFERRED DUE TO SEVERITY OF THIS INJURY? NO

EMPLOYEE STATUS
LOST DAYS: 0 RESTRICTED DAYS: 0

CALENDAR COMMENTS:
DID PERSON DIE? YES 12/18/20

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SUPERVISOR INFORMATION:

Elliot Hassan (B001418) {Main}

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Aaron Carlisle (B160662) {Validator}

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.

SIGNED: Ronald J Hennessey Director, System Safety and Support  
2500 Lou Menk Drive - AOB - First Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131  
PREP BY: Aaron Carlisle  
Ft Worth HQ, TX  
12/18/2020

LAST CHANGED: Janet Bates  
04/06/2021

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◆ Parameters

Event = NW-1220-108  
Impact = [NW-1220-108] : Personal Injury - SEVERITY - 000  
Representative = Ronald J Hennessey



# Auburn Police Department

## Police Report for Incident 20-12557

02/02/21 13:28:43 549

**Crime:** DBOD DEAD BODY  
**Location:** 1-106

**Address:** 4400 B ST NW  
Auburn WA 98001

**Received By:** DL Melton  
**Responding Officers:** DL Melton

**How Received:** V Valley Comm

**Agency:** APD

**Responsible Officer:** J Frith

**Disposition:** CLOSED 01/12/21

**When Reported:** 07:11:00 12/18/20

**Occurred Between:** 05:00:00 12/18/20 and 07:00:00 12/18/20

### Crimes

**Additional Offense:** Dead Body

### Circumstances

BM88 No Bias  
GG03 No Gang/Unknown  
CAT07 Transprt/Transmit/Importing

**Clearance:** N Not Applicable

**Judicial Status:**

**Misc Entry:** CES/DF//CES

### Modus Operandi:

### Description :

### Method :

### Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
12/18/20	Name	DIX, STEPHANIE LYNN	OTHER
12/18/20	Name	MCDANIEL, MARK ALLEN	OTHER
12/18/20	Name	BNSF,	OTHER
12/18/20	Name	TENGELIN, CHRISTINA	OTHER
12/18/20	Name	OSTLUND, BRENT J	OTHER
12/18/20	Name	DIX, STEFFANIE JO	DECEASED
12/18/20	Name	MAYOROV, BORIS V	REPORTING PARTY
12/18/20	Evidence	, DLM01/JACKET	Evidence Incident
12/18/20	Evidence	, DLM02/BLANKET	Evidence Incident

**Involved Persons (Address on 07:11:00 12/18/20) :****OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> MCDANIEL	<b>First:</b> MARK	<b>Mid:</b> ALLEN
<b>DOB:</b> 06/21/79	<b>Dr Lic:</b> Financial Info	<b>Address:</b> 23618 77TH AVE E
<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M	<b>Phone:</b> (253)569-3031	<b>City:</b> Graham, WA 98338 9796
<b>Height:</b> ' "	<b>Weight:</b> 0	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b>	<b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b> ( ) -

**REPORTING PARTY :**

<b>Last:</b> MAYOROV	<b>First:</b> BORIS	<b>Mid:</b> V
<b>DOB:</b> 12/24/64	<b>Dr Lic:</b> Financial Info	<b>Address:</b> 903 SW 313TH CT
<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M	<b>Phone:</b> (253)749-5137	<b>City:</b> Federal Way, WA 98092
<b>Height:</b> 5'10"	<b>Weight:</b> 210	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b>	<b>Eyes:</b> GRY	<b>Work Phone:</b> ( ) -

**OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> DIX	<b>First:</b> STEPHANIE	<b>Mid:</b> LYNN
<b>DOB:</b> 06/13/88	<b>Dr Lic:</b> Financial Info	<b>Address:</b> 28624 41ST AVE S
<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Phone:</b> (253)529-4389	<b>City:</b> Auburn, WA 98001
<b>Height:</b> 5'06"	<b>Weight:</b> 125	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b> BLN	<b>Eyes:</b> BLU	<b>Work Phone:</b> (253)250-7533

**OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> OSTLUND	<b>First:</b> BRENT	<b>Mid:</b> J
<b>DOB:</b> 07/09/85	<b>Dr Lic:</b> Financial Info	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M	<b>Phone:</b> (206)625-6295	<b>City:</b> ,
<b>Height:</b> 5'11"	<b>Weight:</b> 220	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b>	<b>Eyes:</b> HAZ	<b>Work Phone:</b> ( ) -

**OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> BNSF	<b>First:</b>	<b>Mid:</b>
<b>DOB:</b> **/**/**	<b>Dr Lic:</b>	<b>Address:</b> 1515 W. 39TH ST
<b>Race:</b> <b>Sex:</b>	<b>Phone:</b> (360)303-8343	<b>City:</b> Vancouver, WA
<b>Height:</b> ' "	<b>Weight:</b> 0	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b>	<b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b> ( ) -

**DECEASED :**

<b>Last:</b> DIX	<b>First:</b> STEFFANIE	<b>Mid:</b> JO
<b>DOB:</b> 06/16/81	<b>Dr Lic:</b> Financial Info	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) -	<b>City:</b> ,
<b>Height:</b> 5'07"	<b>Weight:</b> 165	<b>SSN:</b> - -
<b>Hair:</b> BRO	<b>Eyes:</b> BRO	<b>Work Phone:</b> ( ) -

**OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> TENGELIN	<b>First:</b> CHRISTINA	<b>Mid:</b>
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<b>DOB:</b> **/**/**	<b>Dr Lic:</b>	<b>Address:</b> 325 9TH AVE; HMC BOX 359792
<b>Race:</b> W	<b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Phone:</b> (206)255-7257
<b>Height:</b> ' "	<b>Weight:</b> 0	<b>City:</b> Seattle, WA
<b>Hair:</b>	<b>Eyes:</b>	<b>SSN:</b> - -
		<b>Work Phone:</b> (206)731-3232

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## Narrative

DL Melton / 5422 / Vehicle 28 / Y/V / Fri Dec 18 13:33:04 PST 2020

A dead body was located near the 4400 block of B St NW, Auburn, King County, WA  
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FORWARD TO: Detectives

On 12/18/2020 at approximately 0718 hours I was dispatched to a welfare check near 4402 B ST NW, Auburn, King County, WA. The reporting party, Mark McDaniel, was an employee for McKinney Trailer Rentals. He reported that across the street near the railroad tracks a subject was lying on the ground and did not appear to be breathing. Mark also reported the female appeared to be bleeding from her mouth.

Officer Westland and Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) arrived on scene and located the female. She was just west of B St NW, lying on a flat gravel spot near the BNSF train tracks. Officer Westland and VRFA confirmed that the female was deceased at approximately 0723 hours. The decedent was later identified as Steffanie Cox.

I arrived on scene shortly after and contacted Officer Westland near the Steffanie's body. Officer Westland had already started to photograph Steffanie and the scene. I viewed the female, who was not identified. Steffanie was lying on her back with her head facing east and her legs facing west. She was a white female, medium height and build, brown hair, approximately 40 years old. She was lying approximately 15 feet from the train tracks.

Steffanie had extreme trauma to the leg on the right side of her body. Her feet were angled downwards, appearing that her torso had rotated, causing her torso to face upward and lower body facing downward. The leg on the right side of her body appeared to be partially detached near the hip/pelvic area. The decedent face was extremely swollen on the left side of her face and she had what appeared to be blood draining from the left side of her mouth. The black pants she was wearing were torn where her leg was separated. I later found brain matter in a 10-15 foot radius from Steffanie. Later found that part of the brain was contained in a shirt/sweatshirt that was wrapped around Steffanie's left hand. Without moving the body I did not see a head injury.

She was lying approximately 5 feet from an electric box near the tracks, and approximately 10-20 feet from a large poll. The electric box was made out of metal and had two metal supports, which secured it to the ground. The electric box had been knocked over and appeared to have fallen to the north. There was a small amounts of blood and what appeared to be body matter on the electric box and large column. There also appeared to be a dent in one of the metal legs that supported the electric box.

Due to the amount of trauma on Steffanie and her location in accordance with the train tracks I believed it was likely a train collision with a pedestrian. Due to the probable body matter located on the south sides of the columns and the electric box lying north bound I determined it was possible that Steffanie was struck by a train travelling north bound. This likely caused her to propel into the electric box while travelling north, causing it to get knocked over and her land slightly to the northeast of it.

In the surrounding area Officers located a white/cream colored blanket on the west side of the column. It was later discovered to have probable body matter on it. There was a black rain jacket positioned next to the electric box. The jacket had rips or tears on the back section of it, and probable body matter. There was a black lighter on the west side of the first track lying on a crossbeam of the train track. It was unknown if it was related but it had not started to rust in the rain, leading me to believe it had recently been deposited there. On the southeast side of the column, near and upright electric box, was a small pink torch and blue/metal multitool. It was unknown if there were related but again appeared to be left there recently. There also appeared

to be probable body matter on the south and west face of the upright electrical box. Detectives located shoes to the east of the decedent near a culvert. The shoes appeared to have been left there, and due to them being so close to the concrete it appeared the shoes did not land there from impact. They could have been placed there by another subject or possibly unrelated to the incident. However, Steffanie did not have shoes on and no shoes were located near her. The sides of the boots located appeared dry, while the toes of the boots were wet from the rain. Officers also located brain matter to the north and east of Steffanie.

Officer McNabb spoke with Mark on scene. Mark explained that an employee, Boris Mayorov, often parks his vehicle at the business and takes a walk west past the train tracks to the Interurban Trail. Today, Boris went to take his walk and approached the train tracks when he located the decedent. Boris went and informed Mark, who called 911 because of Boris' language barrier. Mark stated he stood by for police to arrive. Boris confirmed the story told by Mark. They had no surveillance footage of the incident.

I contacted the King County Medical Examiner's office and spoke with KCME Christina Tengelin. Christina informed me she was en route to the location.

I attempted to use an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) machine on the decedent to attempt to identify her. I took three fingerprints of her and had to remove her left arm from her sweatshirt. Rigor Mortis had not set in yet, and her finger/arms had not become stiff. Due to the rain I did not get great fingerprints from the decedent. I received one return for a Stephanie Dix (6/13/1988). A DOL photograph of Stephanie did not appear to be the decedent. Her identification was last updated in 2017. I later attempted to contact Stephanie via her in-house phone numbers, with negative results. A copy of her DOL photograph was included in the case jacket. The decedent did not have any form of identification or items that would assist me in identifying her.

I spoke with Elliot Hassan, and employee for BNSF. He informed me that a BNSF train had called in a welfare check at approximately 0700 hours. He stated no BNSF train hit Steffanie, so it was likely a Sounder train. Elliot directed me to speak with BNSF claims employee, Brent Ostlund, who arrived on scene. Brent explained that the BNSF train that called at 0700 hours was speaking of another subject and did not believe they called in about the decedent. Brent was attempting to get a log of the trains that passed through this location from 0300 hours to 0700 hours. He was also attempting to get footage from the front of the involved train, when it was identified. Brent predicted that if it was a Sounder train it was possibly going between 60-79 miles per hour if it was leaving the transit center, 44 blocks away.

Christina arrived on scene and photographed Steffanie and surrounding area. Christina rotated Steffanie and exposed the back of her head and back. The back of her head had a large opening from what appeared to be extreme trauma. Her back also had large bruising on it. Christina took custody of Steffanie's body. She provided KCME case #20-3905. Christina was unable to determine if the black jacket and blanket were Steffanie's. I recovered the jacket and blanket and later entered it into drying rack #1. I placed evidence seal #5047995 on the drying rack and photographed it.

Officer Doyen looked up our subject on a jail booking photo database. He located Steffanie's booking photograph which appeared to match the decedent. She had the same hair length, color, and same eye color. I called KCME to report that the subject was identified. The KCME employee confirmed that Christina identified Steffanie as the decedent.

At the completion of this report I had not yet heard back from BNSF with the confirmation of what train had hit Steffanie. I will complete a supplemental report when I am contacted by BNSF.

With the above information and evidence, it appeared that Steffanie was hit by a train traveling north bound, causing her to collide with the electrical box. I was unable to determine if there were any signs of a struggle or defensive

injuries due to the amount of trauma. There was nobody reported with Steffanie at the time of death. This case should be forwarded to Detectives for further review.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE AND THAT I AM ENTERING MY AUTHORIZED USER ID AND PASSWORD TO AUTHENTICATE IT.

Signature:DL Melton #:5422

Date and Place:12/18/2020 City/Town of Auburn, County of King

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## Supplement

Sequence: 1

DL Melton / 5422 / Vehicle 28 / N/V / Mon Dec 21 10:22:54 PST 2020

FORWARD TO: Detectives

On 12/21/2020 at approximately 1018 hours I went to remove the evidence items from Drying Rack #1. I confirmed the evidence seal was the same number from when I placed it into the drying rack on 12/18/2020. I photographed evidence seal #5047995 which was still fastened around the door handle of the drying rack. At approximately 1018 hours I cut the evidence seal and opened the drying rack.

I picked up the blanket and the jacket that were in the drying rack and noticed that they were still damp and not ready to be placed into evidence. I placed the items back on their shelves in the drying rack and closed the door. I re-sealed the drying rack with evidence seal #5047993 and photographed it. The photographs were downloaded to the Auburn Police 'V' drive.

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Signature: DL Melton #:5422

Date and Place: 12/21/2020 City/Town of Auburn, County of King

## Supplement

Sequence: 2

APD Major Crimes Detective F. Nix #AP4439, Tue Dec 22 16:10:37 PST 2020 kd/sf

FORWARD TO: CLOSED

I was assigned Auburn Police Department (APD) case #20-12557 to review and identifying any leads for potential investigation.

While reading the original report, I learned that a female person had been located deceased on the train tracks in the 4400 block of "B" ST NW in the City of Auburn, County of King, WA. Based on the trauma to the deceased, it is reasonable to believe that the person was struck by a train.

The deceased person was identified by a jail booking photo as Steffanie J. Dix (DOB: 06/16/1981). I reviewed the APD database to determine if Steffanie has had prior contact with APD. This search yielded negative results.

I researched Steffanie's name through the WA State Department of Licensing where I located a record in her name. This record indicated that her driver's license was revoked in the 2nd degree with an issued date on 07/24/2020. Steffanie's residential address was listed as 117 Crestwood DR SW in Lakewood, WA 98498.

I then sent a requested to the King County Medical Examiner's Office (KCMEO), requesting a copy of any and all ME records associated with this death investigation.

I am waiting for a reply.

I then emailed Brent Ostlund, asking him if he had come across any information that would assist me in my investigation.

on WED 23 DEC 20 at 1622 hours, Christina from the King County Medical Examiners Office had called and was asking if we (LE) had been able to view the train surveillance video. Christina stated that she was hoping to narrow down the time of death to complete their investigation. Christina requested me to call her back via telephone number (206) 731-3232.

On WED 30 DEC 20, I received the following reply from Brent.

"Officer Nix,  
I'm still collaborating with Sound Transit on this investigation. We have narrowed it down to one of their trains, with the incident taking place between 5:45 and 6:30 AM. I've been told that one of their trains had malfunctioning video and at this point that might be the train that was involved in the incident. I know they are still working on getting more video, to confirm what train was involved, once that is secured and reviewed I will let you know what they tell me."

On WED 30 DEC 20 at 1044 hours, I made telephone contact with Christina of the KCMEO via the telephone number listed above. Upon contact with Christina, I advised her of the above time frame. I learned that the time of death on the certificate was going to be listed as 0615 hours. This concluded our contact.

On TUE 12 JAN 20 at approximately 1032 hours, I received a telephone call from Brent. Upon contact, Brent advised me that he and his associates were able to determine that the train that struck Dix was a Sound Transit train. The Sound Transit train went through those tracks between 0609 and 0611 hours at 79 mph. However, the video for this train was not working at the time of the incident.

Upon questioning, they were able to deduct that the Sound Transit train was involved based on the fact the other train's cameras were working, and they were able to use the damage to the pole to assist them with the narrow time frame of contact.

I thanked Brent for his time and this concluded our contact.

This incident will be inactive/closed for investigation.

DISPOSITION: CLOSED

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE AND THAT I AM ENTERING MY  
AUTHORIZED USER ID AND PASSWORD TO AUTHENTICATE IT.

Signature: F. NIX #:AP4439

Date and Place: TUE 12 JAN 20 City/Town of Auburn, County of King

Wed Jan 13 07:19:59 PST 2021 kd/sf

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## Supplement

Sequence: 3

DL Melton / 5422 / Vehicle 15 / N/V / Wed Dec 30 23:47:38 PST 2020

FORWARD TO: Detective Nix

On 12/30/2020 at approximately 2152 hours I viewed that the evidence in drying rack #1 had appeared to be dry. I viewed that the seal on drying rack #1 had not been cut or damaged and was the same seal I placed on it on 12/21/2020, evidence seal #5047993. I cut the evidence seal and opened drying rack #1.

I removed the dry blanket and jacket from the drying rack. I placed each of the items in separate paper bags. I included the paper that they dried on in the into the evidence bags with the items. I sealed the paper bags and placed them into the temporary evidence lockers.

The photographs of the evidence seal were included on the Auburn Police 'V' drive.

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Signature:DL Melton #:5422

Date and Place:12/30/2020 City/Town of Auburn, County of King

**Supplement**

Sequence: 4

APD Major Crimes Detective F. Nix #AP4439, Wed Jan 20 13:12:30 PST 2021 kd/df

FORWARD TO: CLOSED

On WED 20 JAN 21, I received an envelop from the KCMEEO records associated with this case. This envelope contained the following reports.

1. KCME Investigator's report
2. Autopsy Report
3. Body Diagram
4. CD of scene and body images.

The investigator's report contained an synopsis of the scene.

The Body Diagram noted the injuries to Dix's body.

The Autopsy report stated the following:

Pathological Diagnoses:

Multiple blunt force injuries of head, torso, and extremities.

- a. Laceration of scalp with fracture of skull and expulsion of brain.
- b. Fractures of all ribs with lacerations of all thoracic and abdominal organs.
- c. Fractures of bilateral pelvis and left humerus.

Opinion:

The cause of death of this 39 year old woman found with severe injuries due to a railroad train is multiple blunt force injuries. Because of the circumstances of her death are unknown, manner of death is certified undetermined.

This report was signed on 13 JAN 21 by KC Chief Medical Examiner Richard C. Harruff, M.D., Ph.D.

For complete details, please refer to the reports which were placed in the case jacket.

DISPOSITION: CLOSED

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Signature: F. NIX #:AP4439

Date and Place: WED 20 JAN 21 City/Town of Auburn, County of King

Thu Jan 21 07:17:52 PST 2021 kd/df



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## Evidence

**Evidence Number:** 167285  
**Type:** EIS  
**Owner Num:** 178243  
**Last:** APD  
**First:**  
**Middle:**  
**Item:** Jacket **Color:** BLK  
**Brand:** UNKNOWN **Quantity:** 1  
**Model:** **Measure:**  
**Serial Num:**  
**Description:** DLM01/JACKET  
**Comments:**  
**Transaction:** RCVD RECEIVED **Date:** 09:41:21 12/31/20  
**Location:** ER 20 ROW **Who to/from:** DL Melton **Custodian:** B Bergeon  
**Reason:** in

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**Evidence Number:** 167286  
**Type:** EIS  
**Owner Num:** 178243  
**Last:** APD  
**First:**  
**Middle:**  
**Item:** Blanket **Color:** WHI  
**Brand:** UNKNOWN **Quantity:** 1  
**Model:** **Measure:**  
**Serial Num:**  
**Description:** DLM02/BLANKET  
**Comments:**  
**Transaction:** RCVD RECEIVED **Date:** 09:41:21 12/31/20  
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## Garrett, Terry L

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**To:** Garrett, Terry L  
**Subject:** RE: 121820 Unknown Train /Trespasser Seattle Sub

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Ticket #: 11698  
Create D/T: 12/18/2020 10:18:39 AM  
Resource: Thomas Main 3  
Division: Northwest  
Subdivision: Seattle  
MilePost: 18.5X  
Line Segment: 51  
City: Auburn  
County: King  
State: WA  
D Code: 20M101  
Train Symbol: Unknown

Trouble Code: Trespasser  
Trouble Desc: 0932CT on the Seattle Subdivision at MP 18.5X on Main 3 report of a trespasser struck by an unknown train.

There are no injuries to the crew. The Trespasser was fatality injured.

There are 04 trains potential impacted as a result.

Division officers are on scene

Update all clear 1115CT

Train Soup: Unknown  
Train Direction:  
Lead Locos: Unknownv  
DP Locos: Unknown  
Conductor Name: Unknown  
Engineer Name: Unknown  
Other Name:  
On Duty Time and Date: 12/31/1969 6:00:00 PM Crew Origin/Destination:

Name of Law Enforcement Agency on scene: King CO SO FRA Post Accident Testing Required:  
Crossing DOT: N/A  
Crossing Equipped With:

Haz Material:  
Haz Material Commodity:  
Amount Released:  
Impact to Waterway:

Evacuations:

Weather: 44\* Rain Winds N 2 Mph

State Report number: 20-4412

NRC Report Number: 129-4565

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):

12/18/20 10:49:06 NOTIFIED - NRC --> Mark

12/18/20 10:46:51 NOTIFIED - State --> 20-4412

12/18/20 10:43:12 NOTIFIED - State --> Jay

12/18/20 10:38:43 NOTIFIED - NRC --> on hold

12/18/20 10:37:55 NOTIFIED - MDPR --> Remedy

12/18/20 10:37:49 NOTIFIED - Passenger Service --> remedy

12/18/20 10:37:45 NOTIFIED - Signal Desk --> Remedy

12/18/20 10:37:39 NOTIFIED - MOW Desk --> Remedy

12/18/20 10:37:30 NOTIFIED - Trainmaster --> Hassan, Elliot J

12/18/20 10:37:21 NOTIFIED - Mechanical Desk --> Remedy

12/18/20 10:32:18 NOTIFIED - NOC GDT --> Cale