



# 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:**

Docket No: TR-

**Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:**

**Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:**

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East approach from Chestnut Street showing easy access to tracks. This is where pedestrian crossing 092517D previously existed before crossing surface was removed in October 2011.

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Looking east at location where pedestrian attempted to cross tracks from east to west. Sidewalk leads to open area where pedestrian crossing 092517D formerly existed.

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Jan 31, 2022 at 11:01:52 AM  
88° E  
612 S Tower Ave  
Centralia WA 98531  
United States

West approach of former Chestnut Street crossing looking east. Trespass warning sign is present.

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Jan 31, 2022 at 11:01:11 AM  
169° S  
612 S Tower Ave  
Centralia WA 98531  
United States

Looking south from site of former Chestnut Street crossing.



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Jan 31, 2022 at 11:02:19 AM  
12° N  
202 E Chestnut St  
Centralia WA 98531  
United States

Looking north from site of former Chestnut Street crossing.

**From:** [State Emergency Operations Officer \(MIL\)](#)  
**To:** [Jacob Mungin](#); [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Kevin Pannell](#); [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:** State Incident #21-1802 - BNSF - Train VS. Trespasser  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:50:06 PM

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Good Evening,

Please see the below information involving a railroad incident that has been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Thank you.

Name of the Railroad(s) involved: BNSF  
Reporting Party Name, Position and Contact Number: Cisco 817-593-6823 EXT 1  
Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: Time: 1735 20May2021  
Time and Date of the Event: Time: 1725 20May2021  
Mile post and/or Address of Event: Mile 54.7  
Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck trespasser Lewis county sheriff confirmed fatality  
Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: 1 fatality  
Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response:  
Name and Phone Local POC: Cisco 817-593-6823 EXT 1  
Railroad Incident Number: None  
State EOC Incident Number: #21-1802

**Christopher Phillips**

[State Emergency Operations Officer \(SEOO\)](#)

Alert & Warning Center

State Emergency Management Division

Washington Military Department

(800)-258-5990

[christopher.phillips@mil.wa.gov](mailto:christopher.phillips@mil.wa.gov)

**From:** [Service, Interruption Desk](#)  
**To:** [OPR DL \(SI Desk Use ONLY\) North Region Incident](#)  
**Cc:** [Service, Interruption Desk](#)  
**Subject:** 052021 V MINPTS1 14B Trespasser - Centralia, WA  
**Date:** Friday, May 21, 2021 1:01:35 AM

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Ticket #: 13344  
Create D/T: 05/20/21 19:25:50  
Resource:  
Division: Northwest  
Subdivision: Seattle  
MilePost: 54.7  
Line Segment: 52  
City: Centralia  
County: Lewis  
State: WA  
D Code: 215134  
Train Symbol: V MINPTS1 14B

Trouble Code: Trespasser  
Trouble Desc: At approximately 1925CT, V MINPTS1 14B reported fatally striking a trespasser on MT1 at MP 54.7 on the Seattle Subdivision in Centralia, WA. This incident did not occur at a road crossing. There are no injuries to the train crew. We currently have no route around.

Lead locomotive (BNSF 7591) is camera equipped.

Division officers notified and enroute.

Closeout  
MT2 returned to service at 2200CT.  
All personnel in the clear and MT1 returned to service at 0114CT.

Train Soup: 55-0-4084-5160'  
Train Direction: South  
Lead Locos: BNSF 7591, BNSF 7955  
DP Locos:  
Conductor Name: EL Mendoza  
Engineer Name: JR Holman  
Other Name:  
On Duty Time and Date: 05/20/21 16:30:00  
Crew Origin/Destination: INBPTL

Name of Law Enforcement Agency on scene: Lewis County, WA Sheriff's Office  
FRA Post Accident Testing Required: No  
Crossing DOT: Not at a crossing  
Crossing Equipped With:

Haz Material: No  
Haz Material Commodity:  
Amount Released:  
Impact to Waterway:  
Evacuations:  
Weather: 55\*, Wind 0 MPH, Light Drizzle

State Report number: 21-1802  
NRC Report Number: 1305616

NOTIFIED event(s):

5/20/2021 7:43:58 NOTIFIED - Passenger Service --> Thomas, Brian P  
5/20/2021 7:40:26 NOTIFIED - State --> 1935CT - Christopher w/WA EOC #21-1802  
5/20/2021 7:30:26 NOTIFIED - Mechanical Desk --> via Remedy  
5/20/2021 7:30:19 NOTIFIED - MDPH --> via Remedy  
5/20/2021 7:30:09 NOTIFIED - Signal Desk --> via Remedy  
5/20/2021 7:29:20 NOTIFIED - NOC GDT --> Wadkins, Gwen D  
5/20/2021 7:27:33 NOTIFIED - ROC --> Allen, Martina S

## Hancock, Katie (UTC)

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**From:** State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:54 PM  
**To:** UTC DL WUTC Rail Reporting; ECY RE SWRO ERTS COORDINATOR; Lewis County DEM - Duty officer; Serad, Courtney (ECY)  
**Subject:** FW: NRC#1305616 Follow Up to WA Incident # 21-1802, Train vs. Trespasser--Centralia

We just received this follow up to the railroad incident reported to us at 1735 hours this evening.  
WA State Incident #: 21-1802.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Thank you.

Theodore D. Henkle  
State Emergency Operations Officer  
Washington State Emergency Management Division Building 20, MS: TA-20 Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122  
1-800-258-5990

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

From: HQS-SMB-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-SMB-NRC@uscg.mil>  
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 6:47 PM  
To: State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL) <Dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov>; Clark, Anthony B (MIL) <Anthony.Clark@mil.wa.gov>  
Subject: NRC#1305616

External Email

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 1305616

### INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by NRC on 20-MAY-21 at 21:42 ET.  
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE  
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER  
Affected Area:  
Incident occurred on 20-MAY-21 at 17:25 local incident time.  
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A)

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### REPORTING PARTY

Name: CISCO SANCHEZ  
Organization: BNSF RAILROAD  
Address: 2600 LOU MENK DRIVE  
FORT WORTH, TX 76131

Email Address:

PRIMARY Phone: (817)5936823

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

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SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: UNKNOWN

Organization:

Address:

Type of Organization: UNKNOWN

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INCIDENT LOCATION

County: LEWIS

City: CENTRALIA State: WA

MILEPOST: 54.7

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RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

TRESPASSER FATALITY INVOLVED WITH A FREIGHT TRAIN. A SERVICE DELAY IS STILL ONGOING.

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SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO

Location Subdivision: SEATTLE

Railroad Milepost: 54.7

Type of Vehicle Involved:

Crossing Device Type:

Device Operational: YES

DOT Crossing Number:

Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:

Brake Failure: UNKNOWN

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

Passenger Train Route: YES

Passenger Train Delay Expected: YES

Passenger Train Delay Handling: PASSENGERS ARE STAYING ONBOARD.

---RAILROAD INFORMATION---

Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILROAD

Train Number: VMINPTS114B

Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction: S

Train Speed: Track Speed:

Locomotives: Cars: Derailed:

Suspected DOT Regulation Non Compliance: UNKNOWN

DERAILED CARS:

Pos.	Carnumber	Type	Cargo
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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

Road: NO Major Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: YES MAIN 1 & 2 N/S

Passengers Transferred: NO  
Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN  
Media Interest: NONE

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REMEDIAL ACTIONS

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARRIVED ONSCENE AND INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.  
Release Secured: UNKNOWN  
Release Rate:  
Estimated Release Duration:

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WEATHER

Weather: RAINY, °F

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:  
State/Local: EOC  
State/Local On Scene: SHERIFF'S DEPT  
State Agency Number: 21-1802

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (770)4887100  
ASST COMDT FOR INTELLIGENCE (CG-2) (OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE PLANS AND POLICY  
(CG-25))  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)3722886  
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (206)2207141  
CBP TRADE PTNRSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM (LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (562)3663864  
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY OPERATION CENTER (SOC))  
20-MAY-21 21:45

NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (703)2355626  
DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RGN X)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)8215301  
OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)8053379  
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)3661863  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)4930636  
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (425)4874704  
NATIONAL HWY TRANS SAFETY ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)4412924  
CISA CENTRAL (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)2829201  
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (206)5264911  
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (202)3146293  
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (877)6204702  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (801)9180995  
SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER (MSU PORTLAND)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (503)2409339  
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (800)2585990  
TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (614)7328440  
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (206)3875236  
USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (206)2207221  
VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (617)4942000  
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (877)8439522  
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)  
20-MAY-21 21:45 (360)6641160

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE TRACK CLOSURE IS STILL ONGOING.

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\*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT #1305616 \*\*\*

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FROM FORM FRA F 6180.55A

CASUALTY RECORD			
<b>RAILROAD:</b>	BNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]	<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	NW0521112
<b>DATE:</b>	05 /20 /2021	<b>TIME:</b>	5:25PM
<b>STATE:</b>	Washington	<b>COUNTY:</b>	LEWIS
<b>TYPE PERSON:</b>	Trespassers	<b>AGE:</b>	55
<b>INJURY:</b>	Fatality		

<b>EMPLOYEES TESTED FOR ALCOHOL USE:</b>	NONE REPORTED
<b>NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS:</b>	
<b>EMPLOYEES TESTED FOR DRUG USE:</b>	NONE REPORTED
<b>NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS:</b>	
<b>EMPLOYEE TERMINATION/PERMANENT TRANSFER:</b>	UNK/NA
<b>EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL:</b>	NO
<b>FRA FORM 6180-54 FILED:</b>	NO
<b>FRA FORM 6180-57 FILED:</b>	NO

CIRCUMSTANCES	
<b>PHYSICAL ACT:</b>	Walking
<b>EVENT:</b>	Struck by on-track equipment
<b>RESULT:</b>	Ground
<b>CAUSE:</b>	Human factor
LOCATION	
<b>SITE:</b>	Main/branch
<b>ON TRK EQP:</b>	Freight train - moving
<b>WHERE:</b>	On track
<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TRAIN FATALLY STRUCK A TRESPASSER ON THE MAIN TRACK. THIS INCIDENT DID NOT OCCUR AT A ROAD CROSSING.

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# Centralia Police Department

## Incident Report

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**Incident #:** 21A05775

**Incident:** Death Investigation

**Area:** Area 2 Centralia City

**Location:** 700 S Tower Ave

**When Reported:** 17:30:07 05/20/21

**Occurred Between:** 17:29:45 05/20/21

**And:** \*\*:\*\*:\*\* \*\*/\*\*\*\*

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### DECEASED:

1) **Name:** DAVIS, JOHNATHAN MARSH  
**DOB:** 09/04/65 **Race/Sex:** W/M  
**Address:** 355 Highway 603  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
**Home Phone:** () - **Work Phone:** () -  
**Employer:** disability Social security

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### MENTIONED IN REPORT:

1) **Name:** MENDOZA, ENRIQUE L  
**DOB:** 05/01/78 **Race/Sex:** L/M  
**Address:** 5509 Kennedy Ave SE  
Auburn, WA  
**Home Phone:** (206)852-4133 **Work Phone:** () -  
**Employer:**

2) **Name:** HOLMAN, JOSEPH R  
**DOB:** 07/26/85 **Race/Sex:** W/M  
**Address:** 3155 Parkside Circle  
Tacoma, WA  
**Home Phone:** (360)268-2644 **Work Phone:** () -  
**Employer:**

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### NARRATIVE:

**Name:** Phipps W

On 05/20/21 at approximately 1731 hours, I, Ofc. C. Withrow, was advised by dispatch of a train vs pedestrian accident on the railroad tracks near W. Chestnut Street. Dispatch advised that the BNSF train was traveling north to south. I arrived at the listed location at approximately 1733 hours and observed a person laying on the ground in the rocks on the west side of the railroad tracks, approximately 1 block south of W. Chestnut St near the S. Tower Viaduct.

I immediately went to the person and saw it was an older white unknown male. The male did not appear to be breathing. His eyes were open, and he appeared to have a fractured left leg and possibly left arm. I checked for a pulse on the male and did not feel one. I did not manipulate the male any further, or check

his outer clothing. At this point, the identity of the male was unknown.

Lewis County Dispatch had already summoned medical personal to the scene prior to my arrival. Riverside Fire Authority (RFA) arrived shortly after I did and checked the male who they determined to be deceased. Commander Clary summoned the LC Coroner and Centralia PD Detectives for further investigation. I obtained evidentiary photographs of the scene which are attached to the case file. See the attached photographs for further.

Commander D. Clary responded to my location while Ofc. A. Miller responded to the front of the train, which was located near E. Van Buren St. I contacted Ofc. Miller and requested he obtain statements from the BNSF Conductor, video evidence from BNSF, and photographs of the train where the impact occurred. Ofc. Miller advised me that per the BNSF Conductor, only 1 male was seen. Ofc. Miller's description of the male matched that of the deceased male. See Ofc. Miller's report for further.

The Lewis County Coroner and Detective W. Phipps arrived on scene a short time later and took over the investigation. I briefed Detective Phipps on what had occurred prior to his arrival. I departed shortly thereafter.

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 (RCW 9A.72.085).

Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: C. Withrow  
Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 05/20/21

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** Miller A

**Date:** 19:28:51 05/20/21

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION:      CASE #:21A05775

OFFICER: A. Miller      INCIDENT TYPE:

REVIEWED BY:      CASE STATUS:

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On 05/20/21 at approximately 1731 hours I, Officer A. Miller, responded to 101 W Chestnut St for the report of a train versus pedestrian.

The train was travelling southbound on the west track. The train came to stop near Van Buren St. I contacted the train engineers, Enrique L Mendoza and Joseph R Holman. They both told me that they observed an older male, wearing jeans and a tan jacket cross the tracks in front of the train. Enrique said it looked like the man was on something. The man then stumbled or fell back towards the track. The man was walking from the east to the west.

Enrique and Joseph both thought the male made it across the tracks. I was told they lose sight of anything approximately 50 feet in front of the train. I asked how they knew the man got hit. I was told it makes a very distinct sound and

they could hear it inside the train. The train brakes were applied and the train came to a stop near Van Buren St. Enrique said the train was going approximately 40 miles per hour. Enrique said he has seen the man who was hit numerous times in the past crossing over the tracks.

I was told the train has video. The video can requested by contacting the train master at 253-591-2556. The train Symbol is V MINPTS1 14B. The engine number is BNSF 7591%. Enrique provided me a sheet with the train information which I have attached in Spillman.

This ends my involvement.

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 (RCW 9A.72.085).  
 Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: Aaron Miller #319  
 Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 05/20/21

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** Phipps W

**Date:** 21:46:07 05/20/21

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION:

CASE #: 21A05775

OFFICER: W. Phipps

INCIDENT TYPE: Accident- Fatal

REVIEWED BY:

CASE STATUS:

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On 20 May 2021 at approximately 1741 hours I, Det. W. Phipps was contacted by Interim Commander Clary who advised of a freight train vs pedestrian collision near the 100 block of W. Chestnut St, under the Kresky Ave viaduct. I responded to the PD where I picked up a digital SLR camera then responded to the scene of the body.

On my arrival I contacted OIC Withrow and Deputy Coroner Stephen Wilson (M-51) (Coroner case #21-0348). The decedent was covered by a white blanket on the ground. The scene was actually located approximately 55.66 meters east of the Jefferson St/S. Tower Ave intersection and approximately 64.77 meters north of 816 S. Tower Ave. Using my duty cell phone and the maps app, I took screen shots of the location for the decedent and later the front of the train. I have attached these screen shots to the case.

OIC Withrow explained that the train crew, Joseph Holman and Enrique Mendoza, saw the male decedent walking unsteadily from east-to-west across the train tracks. The decedent was also pointing randomly into the air. The train crew had stated to Ofc Miller that they were traveling around 40 mph at this time. Holman and Mendoza stated that the decedent had crossed the tracks as they lost sight of him. They thought the decedent was clear of the tracks when they heard a "thump" and realized they hit the decedent and they brought the train to a stop approximately 476 meters to the south.

I asked DC Wilson to remove the blanket so I could observe the decedent which he did. I noted that there were no major lacerations or loss of blood visible. I also noted that the decedent's left femur appeared to be broken near the hip and the left upper arm appeared to be broken. With DC Wilson's assistance I photographed the decedent and documented abrasions to the left side of his back. DC Wilson located a plastic grocery store bag that contained a broken glass smoking device which I collected for destruction. A short time later morticians arrived and removed the body.

I then went to the train engine (#7591) at the head of the train which was located east of 202 Van Buren St. I contacted Ofc Miller who explained what the train crew had told him. He also advised that the engine had a video camera that was operating. The train crew was cooperating with the investigation but declined to provide a recorded statement because of BNSF policy.

I photographed the front of the train engine and the area that would have struck the decedent. I will note that there were no obvious signs of impact. A short time later a BNSF inspector arrived and we discussed my being able to view the camera footage and possibly get a copy of the video. He stated that he would contact me next week. I provided him with my business card and left the scene.

At 2100 hours I received a phone call from DC Wilson who advised that he located what appeared to be meth and heroin in the decedent's belongings. He added that he had tested the decedent for drugs and the test showed positive for meth. DC Wilson advised that he would secure the drugs at the Coroner's Office for the night and I could get them during business hours the next day.

At this time I am waiting for the Coroner's Office to identify the decedent and to conduct the autopsy for a cause of death.

This case remains under investigation.

Nothing Follows-

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Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: William D. Phipps  
Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 20 May 2021

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** Phipps W

**Date:** 17:56:40 05/22/21

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OFFICER: W. Phipps

INCIDENT TYPE: Death Investigation

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On 21 May 2021 I, Det. W. Phipps, contacted Deputy Coroner S. Wilson and inquired about the identity of the deceased. DC Wilson advised that he confirmed it was Johnathan M. Davis (DOB 9-4-65) who had perished.

DC Wilson also advised that the drugs he had located the day before would be at the Coroner's Office for me to pick up. At approximately 1540 hours I arrived at the Coroner's Office and knocked on the door three times but no one answered. I called the Coroner's Office phone but it was not answered. I called Dispatch and asked if any Deputy Coroner's had been called out prior to my arrival. Dispatch advised that they had not. I will attempt to pick up the drugs during the week of 23 May during business hours.

Nothing Follows-  
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Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: William D. Phipps  
Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 22 May 2021

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:****Name:** Clary D**Date:** 14:08:21 05/24/21

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INCIDENT TYPE: Death Investigation

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On 05-20-07 at approximately 1730 Hrs. I, Sgt. Clary, was enroute to my residence and had just signed out of service when I heard dispatch advise of a train vs. pedestrian collision. In order to assist responding officers I signed back into service and responded priority to the location where the subject was struck, the intersection of the mainline railroad tracks and E. Chestnut St.

Prior to my arrival Det. Withrow arrived on scene and located the pedestrian about 150 yards to the south of E. Chestnut St. on the west side of the tracks. Det. Withrow advised that the subject was deceased. I responded to the east side the of the tracks to see if there were any witnesses or evidence there. I did not find either.

RFA personnel declared the male as deceased and I asked dispatch to call a coroner to the scene. I then attempted contact with Det. Sgt. Croy but was not able to reach him. I then called Det. Phipps, advised him of what had occurred

and directed him to respond to take over the investigation.

I changed my location to the west side of the tracks and made observations of the decedent. I noted that his body had been battered significantly by the train but that he did not appear to have bled prior to his death. I could not identify him by looking at his face but later learned that he was Johnathan Davis, a transient male I was very familiar with from having worked patrol.

Once the deputy Coroner, S. Wilson, arrived I left the scene and was out of service a short time later.

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Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: D. Clary  
 Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 05-24-2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** Phipps W  
**Date:** 11:31:04 05/26/21

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OFFICER: W. Phipps	INCIDENT TYPE: Death Investigation
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On 26 May 2021 I contacted Chief Deputy Coroner Dawn Harris at the Lewis County Coroner's Office. She showed me the drugs that DC Wilson had collected and told me about earlier. The items consisted of an empty syringe and two small bindles that contained trace amounts of what appeared to be Heroin. I explained to Harris that my only purpose in collecting these items would be for destruction only. Harris replied that the Coroner's Office could destroy the items through their resources and I agreed that this would be best.

We then discussed the results of the autopsy on 24 May. While the report is not complete yet, Harris told me that Johnathan Davis died as a result of blunt force trauma. She then showed me photographs of the autopsy (see attached) and noted that the aorta had been torn which would result in Davis bleeding out internally.

I have now placed the remnants of the glass pipe I collected on 20 May into evidence for destruction. I have messaged Ofc T. Duennes (BNSF Police) and inquired about his assisting me in viewing the train video.

Nothing Follows-  
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Electronically Signed: Yes      Signature: William D. Phipps  
Centralia/Lewis/Washington      Date: 26 May 2021

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** Phipps W

**Date:** 12:28:33 06/04/21

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION:      CASE #: 21A05775

OFFICER: W. Phipps      INCIDENT TYPE: Death Inv

REVIEWED BY:      CASE STATUS: Closed

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On 4 June 2021 I, Det. W. Phipps, received an email from Deputy Coroner Stephen Wilson that contained the Coroner's Report and Death Certificate. I have attached these to this case. The Death Certificate states the cause of death to Davis was "Blunt force injuries to the torso and extremities."

I have emailed Mathew Dimmitt (BNSF) and requested his help in viewing the engine video footage.

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**MEMO TO FILE**

**DATE:** January 18, 2022

**FROM:** Katie Hancock, Transportation Specialist

**SUBJECT: Apparent Cause of Death for UTC Pedestrian Accident 17188**

Per a phone conversation on January 18, 2022, with Lewis County Medical Examiner's Office at (360) 740-1376, the cause and manner of the pedestrian vs. train death in Centralia, Lewis County (not at a crossing), on May 20, 2021, in UTC Accident 17188 were as follows:

**Cause of death:** Blunt force to torso and extremities.

**Manner of death:** Struck by train. No evidence of suicide.

Listed below are the recommended improvements at each of the three railroad crossings that would be a part of the proposed Quiet Zone.

### **Maple Street Crossing (USDOT 092521T)**

- 1) Install 60 lineal feet minimum 6 inch vertical non-mountable concrete curb with delineators on the center line of the roadway on the west side of the intersection. Must be full height to the crossing arm.
- 2) Add curb, gutter and sidewalk on the north side of the crossing or use paint and reflective turtles to delineate the pedestrian walkway.
- 3) Add curb, gutter and sidewalk or use paint and reflective turtles to delineate the sidewalk on the southeast quadrant of the crossing.
- 4) Install 100 lineal feet minimum 6 inch vertical non-mountable concrete curb with delineators on the center line of the road way on the east side of intersection. Must be full height to the crossing arm.
- 5) Add one additional pedestrian bell to signal mast in the northeast quadrant.
- 6) Upgrade signal and gate arm lights to LED

### **Main Street Crossing (USDOT 092520L)**

- 1) Install 60 lineal feet minimum of 6 inch vertical non-mountable curb with delineators on the center line of the roadway on the west side of the intersection. Must be full height to the crossing arm.
- 2) Install 100 lineal feet minimum of 6 inch vertical non-mountable curb with delineators on the center line of the roadway on the east side of the intersection. Must be full height to the crossing arm. If cannot install the full 100 feet of the curb then an exit gate would have to be added to the eastbound traffic movement.
- 3) Add one additional pedestrian bell to signal mast in the northeast quadrant.
- 4) Add curb, gutter and sidewalk or use paint and turtles to delineate the walkway on the southwest quadrant of the crossing.

### **Locust Street Crossing (092519S)**

- 1) Install 100 lineal feet minimum 6 inch vertical non-mountable concrete curb with delineators on the center line of the roadway on both sides of the crossing. Must be full height to the cross arm.
- 2) Upgrade signal and gate arm lights to LED
- 3) Need to add curb behind the sidewalk on the northeast quadrant of the crossing to prevent vehicle access across the sidewalk.
- 4) Add one additional pedestrian bell to the signal mast in the northeast quadrant.
- 5) Construct fencing on the east side of the railroad right-of-way from the end of the existing fence to Summa Street. Fence shall not be on the railroad right of way, unless authorized by the railroad.
- 6) Since curbing will prevent the left turn movement from eastbound Locust Street to northbound Railroad Avenue, the City of Centralia staff need to talk to Twin Transit regarding adjusting their route from Locust Street to Main Street.
- 7) Need to add additional asphalt surface on north and south side of crossing to allow pedestrian traffic around the backside of the signal masts.