



Rail Incident Investigation Report

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

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V. Pedestrian, Driver, or Passenger Injuries

Does this section apply? Yes No

Number of people injured:

If a vehicle accident, number of passengers:

Name:

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

Pedestrian trying to get on/off train? Yes No

Drugs: Yes No Undetermined Alcohol: Yes No Undetermined

Names of additional injured persons:

VI. Pedestrian Access (not at a Crossing)

Does this section apply? Yes No

Obvious signs of consistent pedestrian trespass? Yes No

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

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

If yes, describe:

Previous collisions at or near site? Yes No

If yes, describe:

VII. Crossing History

Does this section apply? Yes No

Prior accidents at this crossing? Yes No How many?

Dates of prior accidents:

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

Last inspection date?

Defects? Yes No If yes, describe:

VIII. Attachments

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

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

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

Other (describe):

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IX. Comments

Event Summary:

Site Description:

Inspector Recommendations:

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Rail Safety Supervisor Comments/Sign Off:

Director of Transportation Safety Comments/Sign Off:

TR-220020

9/26/21 incident at MP 98.7 on BNSF Bellingham Subdivision

Legend

-  3121 Eldridge Ave
-  MP

31.1 Eldridge Ave

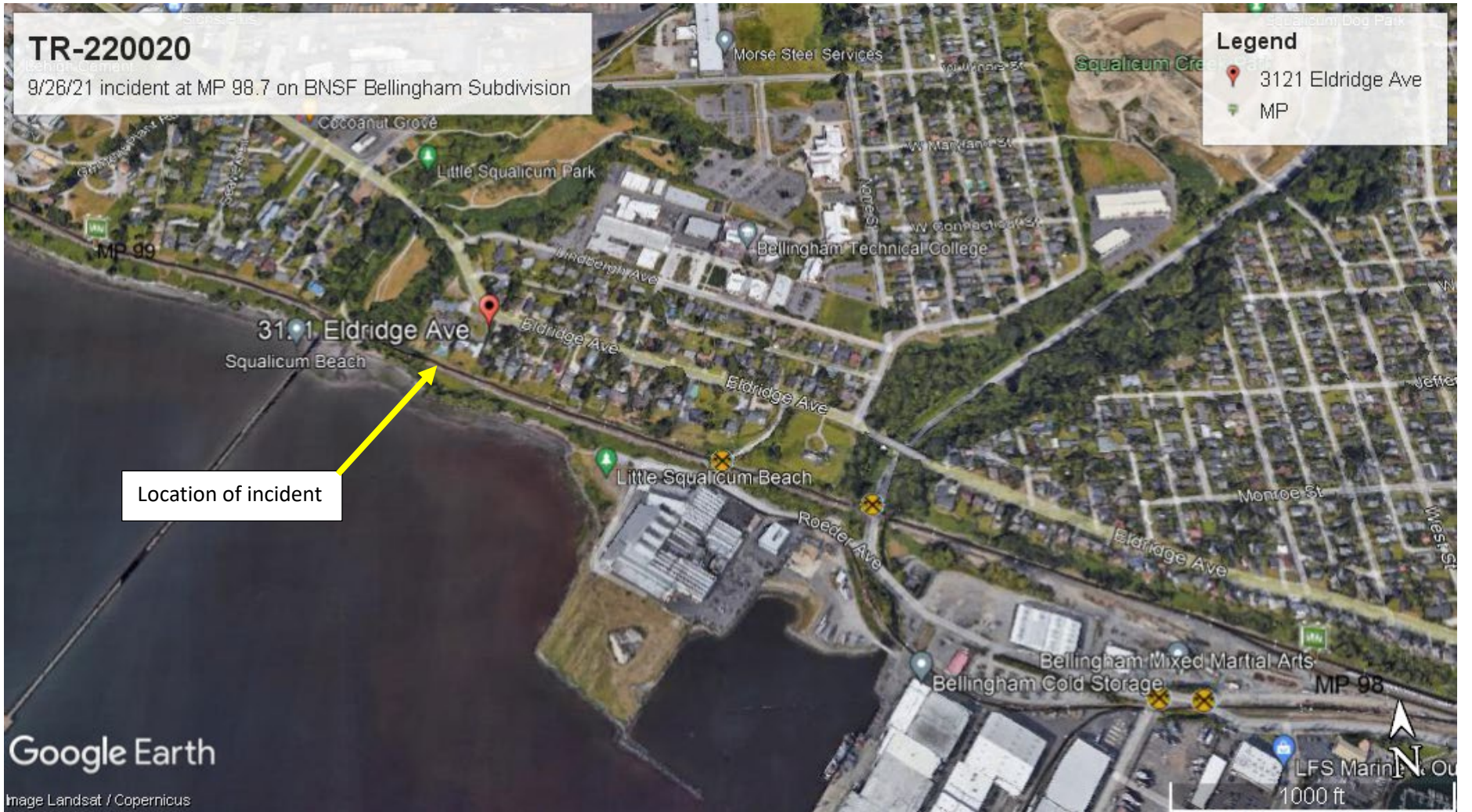
Squalicum Beach

Location of incident

Google Earth

Image Landsat / Copernicus

LFS Marine
1000 ft



From: [State Emergency Operations Officer \(ML\)](#)
To: GRP-SH_200265_Duty_Officers@co.whatcom.wa.us; [Rose, John \(ECY\)](#); [Eldon Offutt](#); [Jacob Mungin](#); [Hunter, Kathy \(UTC\)](#); [Kenneth W. Holgard](#); [Kevin Pannell](#); [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 #21-3850- Train Vs Trespasser - Bellingham
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:40:42 PM

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: Yosefa Arianto – 817-593-6823 option 1

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 1633 / 09-26-2021

Time and Date of the Event: 1609 / 09-26-2021

Mile post and/or Address of Event: Bellingham Subdivision milepost 98.7 Bellingham WA

Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck a trespasser

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: unknown circumstances still under investigation

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: n/a

Name and Phone Local POC: Yosefa Arianto – 817-593-6823 option 1

Railroad Incident Number: 14935

State EOC Incident Number: 21-3850

Thank you,
Samantha Williams
State Emergency Operations Officer (SEOO)
Alert & Warning Center
Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department
Office: (800) 258-5990
dutyofficer@mil.wa.gov

From: [Service, Interruption Desk](#)
To: [CORP DL Public Affairs](#); [OPR DL \(SI Desk Use ONLY\) North Region Incident](#)
Cc: [Service, Interruption Desk](#)
Subject: 09262021 - Trespasser - Bellingham Subdivision - C SCMRBC2 48F
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:12:57 PM

Ticket #: 14935
Create D/T: 9/26/2021 6:09:58 PM
Resource: Bellingham Sub - MP 98.700
Division: Northwest
Subdivision: Bellingham
MilePost: 98.700
Line Segment: 50
City: Bellingham
County: Whatcom
State: WA
D Code: 219178
Train Symbol: C SCMRBC2 48F (BNSF 4272) N

Trouble Code: Trespasser
Trouble Desc: 1809CT on the Bellingham Subdivision at MP 98.7 on Main 1 the C SCMRB2 48F reported striking a trespasser. This did not occur at a road crossing.

There are no injuries to the crew. At time of notification Trespasser status is unknown.

Lead Locomotive (BNSF 4272) is camera equipped. The train crew is not requesting trauma relief at this time.

There is 01 train potentially impacted as a result.

Division officers are responding with a pending ETA.

Closeout ;

Tracks have been cleared for traffic. Once relief crew boards, train will depart.

01 train delayed.

Train Soup: 120-0-17065-6370
Train Direction: North
Lead Locos: BNSF 4272 - BNSF 7145- BNSF 7811- BNSF 8397
DP Locos:
Conductor Name: D WHITAKER
Engineer Name: DJ GREENE
Other Name: RK MCMARTIN
On Duty Time and Date: 9/26/2021 8:01:00 AM
Crew Origin/Destination: EVERET

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

Haz Material:
Haz Material Commodity:

Amount Released:
Impact to Waterway:
Evacuations:
Weather: 57*- Rainy- 6MPH NE WINDS

State Report number: Samantha 21-3850
NRC Report Number:

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):

9/26/2021 6:37:54 NOTIFIED - State --> Samantha 21-3850
9/26/2021 6:18:12 NOTIFIED - Mechanical Desk --> REMEDY
9/26/2021 6:18:09 NOTIFIED - MDPR --> REMEDY
9/26/2021 6:18:07 NOTIFIED - Passenger Service --> REMEDY
9/26/2021 6:18:04 NOTIFIED - Signal Desk --> REMEDY
9/26/2021 6:17:23 NOTIFIED - NOC GDT --> Matt D
9/26/2021 6:14:46 NOTIFIED - ROC --> Crystal



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FROM FORM FRA F 6180.55A

CASUALTY RECORD			
RAILROAD:	BNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]	INCIDENT NUMBER:	NW0921119
DATE:	09 /26 /2021	TIME:	4:09PM
STATE:	Washington	COUNTY:	WHATCOM
TYPE PERSON:	Trespassers	AGE:	
INJURY:	Fatality		

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

CIRCUMSTANCES	
PHYSICAL ACT:	Standing
EVENT:	Struck by on-track equipment
RESULT:	Ground
CAUSE:	Human factor
LOCATION	
SITE:	Main/branch
ON TRK EQP:	Freight train - moving
WHERE:	On track
NARRATIVE	TRAIN REPORTED FATALLY STRIKING A TRESPASSER ON MAIN TRACK, NOT AT A CROSSING. AGE UNKNOWN

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC
 20590
 855-368-4200



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21-2349

Julie Hansen

From: PublicRecordsOfficer
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 1:08 PM
To: SheriffRecords
Subject: FW: Online Form Submittal: Request for Disclosure of Public Records

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:24 PM
To: PublicRecordsOfficer <PublicRecordsOfficer@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Request for Disclosure of Public Records

Request for Disclosure of Public Records

Requestor Name	Katie Hancock
Street Address	621 Woodland Square Loop SE
City	Lacey
State	WA
Zip Code	98503
Phone	3606641100
Email	katie.hancock@utc.wa.gov
I wish to	Receive a copy of the following:
Request Description	Could I get an email copy of the sheriff or police report of train vs. trespasser accident on 9/26/2021 at about 1609 hours when a BNSF freight train struck a pedestrian near railroad milepost 98.7 in Bellingham, Whatcom County. (This is UTC's accident# 17236.) Thank you.

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Cathy Miller

From: SheriffRecords
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:15 PM
To: katie.hancock@utc.wa.gov
Subject: Record Requests 21-2348 and 21-2349
Attachments: 21-2348.pdf; 21-2349.pdf

Good afternoon,

The Sheriff's Office is in receipt of your request for records on train accidents. We are currently assembling and researching the requested documents and will respond to your request within 10 business days (See RCW 42.56.520).

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 360-778-6670.

Sincerely,

Cathy Miller
Evidence / ID Technician
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
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WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Detail Report for Incident 21A29660

Incident No.: 21A29660

Address: 643 MARINE DR
BELLINGHAM WA 98225

Location: SAM03

Offense Codes: Death Inv, Suicide

Agency: WCSO

Responding Officers: ANDERS, J VANDYKE, F JAMES, J

Responsible Officer: YORK, T

Disposition: CLOSED CASE 09/26/21

When Reported: 16:21:14 09/26/21

INVOLVMENT LIST:

Type:	Record #:	Description:	Date:	Relationship:
NM	22413	BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE,	09/29/21	CONTACT
NM	23080	BEAM, GREGORY J	10/06/21	CONTACT
NM	31441	LANCASTER, ROBERT NICHOLAS	09/27/21	CONTACT
NM	136977	GREENE, DAMIAN JOSEPH	09/27/21	CONTACT
NM	136978	MCMARTIN, RYAN KELLY	09/27/21	CONTACT
NM	137006	WHITAKER, DERICK ROSS	09/27/21	CONTACT
NM	137063	CARLSON, DAKOTA KRISTIE	09/29/21	VICTIM
NM	137478	WHITTLESSY, TERRI ANN	10/15/21	PARENT

VICTIMS:

Name: CARLSON, DAKOTA K. **Name Number:** 137063 **Relationship:** VICTIM
Race: W **Sex:** F **DOB:** 04/22/90 **Hght:** 5'04" **Weight:**110 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** GRN

Address: 1120 1/2 PINE ST, BOULDER, CO 803020000

Home Phone: () - **Work Phone:** () -

Employer: **Emp. Phone:**

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: WHITTLESSY, TERRI A. **Name Number:** 137478 **Relationship:** PARENT
Race: W **Sex:** F **DOB:** 09/19/59 **Hght:** 5'04" **Weight:**135 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** GRN

Address: 2695 BERTHA AVE, S LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150

Home Phone: (612)702-6097 **Work Phone:** () -

Employer: **Emp. Phone:**

OTHERS INVOLVED:

Name: GREENE, DAMIAN J. **Name Number:** 136977 **Relationship:** CONTACT
Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 11/20/61 **Hght:** 6'02" **Weight:**230 **Hair:** GRY **Eyes:** BRO

Address: 6731 HUMPHREY RD, CLINTON, WA 98236-9602

Home Phone: **Work Phone:** (800)832-5452
Employer: BNSF **Emp. Phone:** () -

Name: MCMARTIN, RYAN K. **Name Number:** 136978 **Relationship:** CONTACT
Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 12/21/84 **Hght:** 5'11" **Weight:**260 **Hair:** RED **Eyes:** BLU

Address: 12719 191ST AVE NW, GIG HARBOR, WA 98329

Home Phone: **Work Phone:** (800)832-5452
Employer: **Emp. Phone:**

Name: WHITAKER, DERICK R. **Name Number:** 137006 **Relationship:** CONTACT
Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 06/21/82 **Hght:** 6'02" **Weight:**270 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** GRN

Address: 1122 103RD DR SE, LAKE STEVENS, WA 98258

Home Phone: **Work Phone:**
Employer: **Emp. Phone:**

Name: BURLINGTON NORTHERN **Name Number:** 22413 **Relationship:** CONTACT
SANTA FE
Race: **Sex:** **DOB:** **/**/** **Hght:** ' " **Weight:**0 **Hair:** **Eyes:**

Address: 2650 LOU MENK DRIVE, FORTH WORTH, TX 761312830

Home Phone: () - **Work Phone:** (800)795-2673
Employer: **Emp. Phone:** () -

Name: BEAM, GREGORY J. **Name Number:** 23080 **Relationship:** CONTACT
Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 03/02/61 **Hght:** ' " **Weight:**0 **Hair:** **Eyes:**

Address: 2900 BOND ST, EVERETT, WA 98203

Home Phone: (425)422-9146 **Work Phone:** (425)330-1852
Employer: **Emp. Phone:** () -

Name: LANCASTER, ROBERT N. **Name Number:** 31441 **Relationship:** CONTACT
Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 04/18/80 **Hght:** 5'10" **Weight:**200 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BLU

Address: 3410 BENNETT DR, BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

Home Phone: (360)627-0040 **Work Phone:** (360)656-5459
Employer: SIGS FUNERAL **Emp. Phone:** () -
SERVICES

NARRATIVE:

PRIMARY

CASE TITLE: Death Investigation - Pedestrian vs. Train

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On 09/26/21 at approximately 1622 hrs, I was dispatched as primary reporting deputy to 643 Marine Dr for a pedestrian versus train collision. BNSF Railway (Burlington Northern Santa Fe, LLC.) called 911 to report their train had struck a pedestrian on the tracks. The crew was attempting to locate the victim and had a few minute time delay in calling 911. BNSF called 911 at 1610 hrs. Deputy Van Dyke, Deputy James and Deputy Anders were dispatched as well.

Bellingham Police Officers were initially dispatched at 1613 hrs since the original address provided was Elridge Ave and Gilligan Way (within city limits). Bellingham determined the collision happened within the county and referred the call to WCSO. It was advised Special Agent Officer C. Amundson from BNSF Police Department was dispatched and enroute as well.

Upon arrival, I parked my vehicle at the dead end of Seaview Circle and accessed the train tracks through the back yard of 2851 Seaview Circle. The body of the victim was located on the train tracks behind 3121 Eldridge Ave. The mile marker reference for the train tracks was 927 mile.

I spoke to Officer Amundson, who advised me the train had hit a female who stood on the tracks with her back to the train as it was approaching. He informed me the conductor was down by the body along with Deputy James and Deputy VanDyke.

When I joined Deputy VanDyke and Deputy James, I observed a smaller white female with brown hair was laying face up between the rails of the track. She was located between two cars beneath the coupling. She was wearing a black sweater with a logo that said "Douglas County Forest Products", grey sweatpants and white socks. It appeared the female had multiple broken bones throughout her entire body and her limbs were laying in unnatural directions. The female did not have shoes on and was wearing white socks. It was believed she may have shoes on at one point due to there being a one shoe found nearby (shoe was collected for Medical Examiner's Office). The second shoe was unable to be located. The Fire Department declared the female deceased at approximately 1628 hrs. See Deputy VanDyke's supplemental report for a the Fire Department's Personnel information.

The female's clothing was searched for an identification or a note. After I took photos of the scene, we checked underneath the female's body to see if maybe an ID had fallen beneath her. Neither an ID or a note was located. There were also no personal belongings in the vicinity which would have belonged to her. Officer Whipple (BPD) was on-scene and used a portable fingerprint scanner to attempt to identify the female. At this time, the identity of the female is unknown.

I contacted the conductor, who was identified as Derick WHITAKER. Derick informed me he, the engineer (Damien GREENE) and the ride-along engineer (Ryan MCMARTIN) were together in the lead engine. They were traveling northbound on the tracks and were already slowing the train. It was estimated the train was going about thirty miles per hour. Derick said he saw an object on the track about 1000 feet ahead of them (in his recorded statement provided to Deputy VanDyke Derick said he saw the object on the tracks about 2000 feet ahead). Due to there being an object on the tracks they placed the train into an "emergency stop" and was blaring the horn to get the female's attention of their approach. As they were coming closer they saw a female walking back and forth across the tracks multiple times. She then stood with her back to the train as it got

closer and did not move until they struck her. Derick told me it appeared the female was contemplating whether or not to stay on the tracks to be hit by the train when they were further away. Derick said he remembers seeing her white socks and that was what had gotten his attention at the beginning. As they got closer it appeared she made the decision to stay on the tracks to be struck by the train.

I advised Dr. Gary Goldfogel of the situation. Dr. Goldfogel assumed jurisdiction of the body. I stayed with the body until Robbie LANCASTER arrived to transport the female's body to the Medical Examiner's Office.

Officer Amundson provided me with the train's information. The train was BNSF 4272 NB loaded coal train. It weighed 17,065 tons, its length was 6,370 feet. The exact location of where the fatality occurred was on Bellingham Subdivision, Line Segment 50, Mile Post 98.222.

At this time, this fatality appears to be a suicide and the identity of the female is unknown.

Follow-up to do for this case is to contact BNSF's Claims Agent Matthew DIMMITT to view the recorded video of this incident. To note, all BNSF trains are outfitted with cameras.

Photos I've taken have been uploaded to files for this case report. See Deputy VanDyke's supplemental report for additional information.

BWC ACTIVATION (Y/N): I have not been issued a BWC.

STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: Photo

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: Contact BNSF Claims Agent Matthew DIMMITT.

Reporting Deputy: T. York
Personnel Number: 4A217

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :

Supplement number: 1

Name:

Date: **.**. **/**/**

Informat Name = BNSF

Informat Address =

Informat Telephone =

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :**Supplement number:** 2**Name:** VANDYKE, F**Date:** 23:31:36 09/26/21

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

CASE TITLE: DEATH INVESTIGATION

Info Report (Y/N): Y

PC Attempt (Y/N): N

Follow-Up (Y/N): N

BWC Activation (Y/N): Y

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On 09/26/21, at approximately 1621 hours, WhatCOMM received a report a BNSF train (#4275) struck a pedestrian on the tracks near the 600 block of Marine DR. Initially Bellingham PD officers responded, but it was determined the incident occurred in county jurisdiction. Deputies York, James, Anders, and I responded to the scene.

Before our arrival, the female subject was declared deceased on scene by fire personnel at approximately 1628 hours. Deputy James and I arrived first and walked down the train tracks where fire personnel were located with the deceased female. I spoke with battalion chief Chuck HENKEL and EMS captain Erica MARTIN who stated the deceased female did not have a pulse.

I observed what appeared to be a female lying in between two coal cars, resting underneath a coupler/knuckle joint. The female appeared to have multiple broken bones throughout her body and was seen resting face up. No identification was found on or near the female. A Bellingham PD Officer used a mobile fingerprint scanner to try to identify her. No identification was made as of this report. Photographs were taken of the deceased female and the area around where she lay.

I located a gray shoe a short distance from the female's body which likely belonged to her. No other shoe was located.

I spoke with BNSF Officer Cory who helped pass along information regarding the incident. I was tasked in getting a recorded statement from the conductor and engineers inside the train. A voice memo was later placed in the "P" drive.

In the recorded statement, Conductor Derek Whitaker stated he observed something on the tracks about 2000 feet away from his location. As he blew the horn, he saw a female walk back and forth across the track rail. Derek stated he saw the female stop on the track and face away to the west, the direction the train was traveling.

The train was already slowing down and was placed in "emergency" (emergency stop), but the coal train (stated to carry 17,000 tons) slowed down the track where it eventually struck the female. It was described from the time the train was placed on emergency stop to when it made impact, it took "a ways before we made impact." It was stated the female stood in a "firm stance" with her knees locked.

After speaking with the conductor, I was informed the Medical Examiner would take jurisdiction over the deceased female. Robbie, working under the Medical Examiner, came to transport the body.

No further action taken.

See Deputy York's primary report for further information.

STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: None.

Reporting Deputy: VAN DYKE

Personnel Number: 4A231

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :

Supplement number: 3

Name: YORK, T

Date: 15:08:39 09/29/21

SUPPLEMENTAL - York

CASE TITLE: Death Investigation

Info Report (Y/N): Y

PC Attempt (Y/N): N

Follow-Up (Y/N): Y

BWC Activation (Y/N): I have not been issued a BWC

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On 09/26/21, I was primary investigative deputy for a train versus pedestrian collision. The female was found to be deceased after the train was stopped. The identity of the female was unknown and it was determined to be a suicide. The Medical Examiners Office assumed jurisdiction over her body.

On 09/29/21, Robert Lancaster (an employee for the Medical Examiners Office) contacted me advising they were able to identify the female and needed assistance in finding next of kin information.

The female was identified as Dakota CARLSON (DOB: 04/22/1990). Dakota's information was sent to Crime Analyst Kope to assist in finding next of kin.

I requested the WCSO Records for a teletype to be sent to Boulder Police Department in Colorado in an attempt to help locate next of kin. The teletype included the request, case number, and phone numbers for the Medical Examiner's Office, WCSO's Office, What-COMM's and my work cell phone.

Follow-up that still needs to be done is to view the video from BNSF. An email has been sent to BNSF Claims Agent Matthew DIMMIT to schedule a time I could meet with him to view the video from the incident.

Nothing further to add at this time.

STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: None.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: View BNSF Video

Reporting Deputy: T. York

Personnel Number: 4A217

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :

Supplement number: 4

Name: YORK, T

Date: 22:49:04 10/04/21

SUPPLEMENTAL - York

CASE TITLE: Death Investigation

Info Report (Y/N): Y

PC Attempt (Y/N): N

Follow-Up (Y/N): Y

BWC Activation (Y/N): I have not been issued a BWC

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On 10/04/21 at approximately 1415 hrs, I met with Greg BEAM (General Claims Agent for BNSF) at the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. Greg had contacted me earlier in the day (about 1230 hrs) about meeting with me to show me the video from when Dakota CARLSON was struck by the train.

Greg informed me he could only show me the video, but was unable to provide me a copy due to legal reasons. Greg showed me the video on his laptop. In the video it shows the train traveling west on the tracks. Greg informed me the loud noise was the ambient noise from the train's engine. It was raining and the windshield of the train had large amounts of water droplets on it. As the train approached to where Dakota was, you can hear the train blare it's horn and was consistently blaring as they approached her. You could also hear the brakes on the train screeching as it was placed in an "Emergency Stop". I did not see Dakota walk back and forth across the tracks as what the Conductor, Derick WHITAKER, had described. The rain on the windshield did make seeing long distances difficult as it was blurry. As the train approached to where Dakota was standing, it was obvious there was no other persons around besides her. Dakota was standing in the middle of the tracks and slightly faced away, but she had her right side towards the train. Dakota did not make any effort to move out of the way of train as it approached. The train then struck Dakota.

I asked Greg if he saw Dakota walk back and forth across the tracks in the video. He informed me he did not see her walk back and forth across the tracks either.

Crime Analyst Kope was able to find possible next of kin for Dakota. The first was Carol Elizabeth CARLSON (82 yoa) located at 11138 W. River Road, Champlin MN. Both Carol and Dakota shared an address at 5425 W 115th Place, Westminster, CO.

Other possible next of kin are:

- Erik Kjell Carlson, DOB 12/19/70. 110 Esplanade Ave., #207, Pacifica, CA, possible phone 612-345-2994, or 763-427-1031;

- Jennifer Lynnn Bremer, AKA Carlson, DOB 6/29/70. 3305 E 51st Street, Minneapolis, MN, possible phone 612-345-2998, or 651-455-7700;

At this time, this report should be forwarded to WCSO Detective Gates in search for next of kin for Dakota.

This concludes my involvement in this case.

STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: None.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: None.

Reporting Deputy: T. York

Personnel Number: 4A217

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :**Supplement number:** 5**Name:** BOWHAY, K**Date:** 11:05:33 10/15/21

SUPPLEMENTAL

CASE TITLE: Train accident

Info Report (Y/N): Y

PC Attempt (Y/N): N

Follow-Up (Y/N): Y

BWC Activation (Y/N): N

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On October 15, 2021 at about 0957 hrs., I received a phone call from a Terri Whittlessy inquiry about her daughter Dakota Carlson. Terri stated that she received a phone call from Dakotas uncle Eric Carlson this morning stating that her daughter Dakota was deceased, and Terri wanted to know the details. I informed Terri that we received information on September 26, 2021 at about 1622 hrs. that Dakota was observed on the railroad tracks pacing back and forth in the Marine Drive area of Bellingham. The Burlington Northern train sounded its horn and attempted to stop as Dakota turned her back to the train and stood motionless prior to the train striking her. I told Terri that it appeared that Dakota had used the train as a method to commit suicide, and I asked Terri if Dakota had kept in touch with her.

Terri stated that Dakota suffered from schizophrenia and then she asked who and when Eric Carlson was notified, and I told her I did not know for sure but I believed it was after October 4, 2021 and I believe it was Detective Gates. Terri then asked me if I knew where Dakotas body was at this time and I referred her to Dr. Goldfogel's Office and provided her with his office phone number. This ends my involvement in this case at this point in time.

STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: None.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: None.

Reporting Deputy: K Bowhay

Personnel Number: 3A76

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE :**Supplement number:** 6**Name:** GATES, K**Date:** 10:58:15 10/27/21

SUPPLEMENTAL

CASE TITLE: DEATH INVESTIGATION

Info Report (Y/N): YES

PC Attempt (Y/N): NO

Follow-Up (Y/N): YES

BWC Activation (Y/N): NOT ASSIGNED

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

On 10/04/2021 Deputy York contacted reference this investigation. I advised Deputy York that I would assist her in locating the family of Dakota Carlson and would assist in notifying the family of her death. I cleared my contact with Deputy York.

On 10/12/2021 I contacted the phone number for Erik C. Carlson. The phone number was provided to me by WCSO Crime Analysis Kope, who informed me that Erik appeared to be a relative of Dakota as they had similar resident addresses in the state of Colorado. The phone number was found to be 612-345-2994.

Upon contacting the above mention phone number, a male voice answered the phone stating, "This is Erik." I asked "Erik" if his last name was Carlson and if he knew a female by the name Dakota Carlson. Erik stated that his last name was Carlson and that he did know Dakota. Erik identified Dakota as his niece. Erik then immediately asked if something happened to Dakota and asked if Dakota was alive. I informed Erik that I generally do not give death notifications over the phone, but this circumstance was different because it appeared that Dakota had family all over the U.S.

I informed Erik that Dakota was deceased and that she was positively identified through fingerprints. Erik indicated that he was very sad to hear this news. Erik asked for the details to her death, at which time, I advised Erik that Dakota was struck by a train and that video from the train showed that Dakota did not move and she was intentionally on the tracks. I informed Erik that it appeared to be a suicide; However, no suicide note or other means (written words in phone or social media posts) were found to support this. I also informed Erik that Dakota was alone at the time of her death. Erik agreed to assist me in notifying other family members of Dakota's death. I advised Erik that I appreciate any help that I could get and asked him to have the person in charge of Dakota's affairs to contact me due to the fact that the funeral home and the Medical Examiner will have to be contacted. I cleared my contact with Erik.

On 10/18/2021 I was on vacation and contacted Sergeant Polinder about a different matter. Sergeant Polinder informed me that Detective Bowhay had been in contact with Dakota's mom in reference to this investigation. I cleared my contact with Sergeant Polinder.

After speaking to Sergeant Polinder, I accessed my WCSO Voicemail and found two messages from Terri Whittlesey, Dakota's mom. I also had a voicemail from Cindy Maguire who identified herself as Dakota's aunt. Cindy informed me that she would be handling Dakota's affairs for her mom Terri. At approximately 1040 hours I contacted Cindy by phone (802) 999 - 5861.

Upon speaking to Cindy, she was very appreciative of the phone call. The cell reception was poor, so we hung up and Cindy contacted me on a land line phone.

In speaking to Cindy, she indicated that she was an attorney and that she would be assisting Terri in this matter. Cindy stated that this is tragic as Dakota was a brilliant person, who had 2 children and a long time partner. Cindy stated that the 2 children are currently with Dakota's partner and identified that the children were 10 and 7 years of age. Cindy stated that she never thought Dakota would hurt herself. I asked Cindy what she meant by this.

Cindy stated that a few years ago Dakota had a break and left her kids and partner. Cindy stated that Dakota was institutionalized 4 times and was diagnosed with schizophrenia. Cindy stated that Dakota was prescribed medication, but it was unknown if she was taking it or if the adjustment was correct for her diagnosis.

Cindy asked if the WCSO had any additional contacts with Dakota prior to her death. I informed her that the WCSO did not. Cindy believes that someone else must have brought Dakota to Washington because it didn't make sense for Dakota to be in Washington. I advised Cindy that Whatcom County has a large homeless population and could have been the draw to Whatcom County. In addition, Cindy told me that Dakota was an avid skier and also ran ski lessons. I informed Cindy that Whatcom County has a ski resort on the mountain called Mt. Baker and that could have been the draw to this area as well. I advised Cindy that there were no personal affects found on Dakota's person or in the vicinity of the incident location that would provide evidence as to why Dakota was in Whatcom County. Cindy informed me that she understood.

Cindy requested a copy of this police report, at which time, I advised her that she could go through the WCSO Records Department to obtain a copy. I later sent Cindy an email with the phone numbers to the WCSO, Medical Examiners Office and to Sig's funeral home. Cindy informed me that she had already contacted these two entities for arrangements. I cleared my contact with Cindy.

At this time, the family of Dakota Carlson has been notified of her death. This report is for information only at this time.

Nothing further
STATEMENTS TAKEN: None.

EVIDENCE: None.

FOLLOW-UP NEEDED: None.

Reporting Deputy: Detective Ken Gates
Personnel Number: 3A184
