



# 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:**

TR-220023

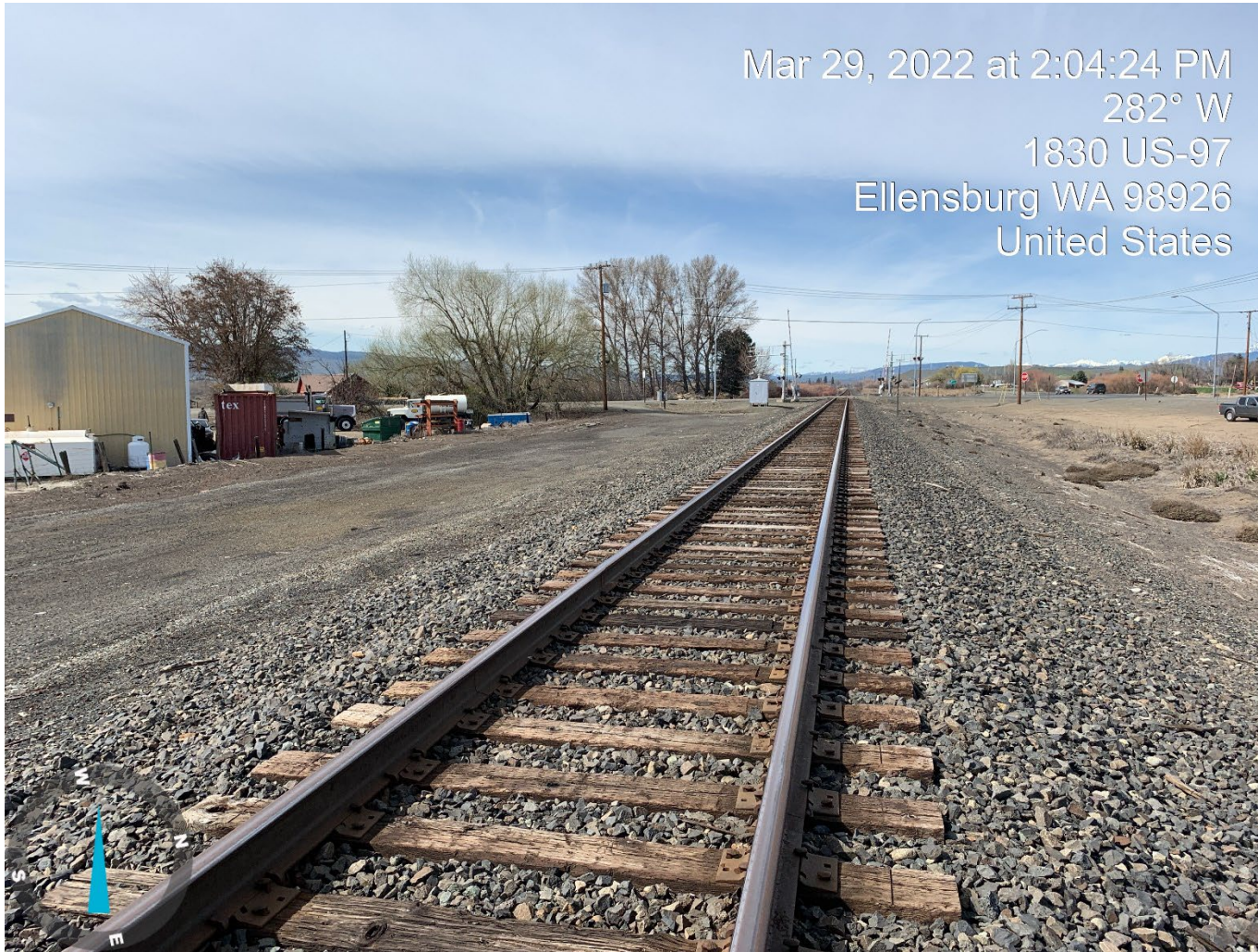
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126° SE  
1830 US-97  
Ellensburg WA 98926  
United States



Milepost 2.5 looking East



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Ellensburg MP 2.5 looking West



TR-220023



Mar 29, 2022 at 2:05:00 PM  
132° SE  
1830 US-97  
Ellensburg WA 98926  
United States

Ellensburg MP 2.5 steep roadbed at incident location

**From:** [State Emergency Operations Officer \(ML\)](#)  
**To:** [Kittitas County - Higashiyama](#); [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 #21-2651, Train vs. Pedestrian Trespasser, Ellensburg  
**Date:** Monday, July 12, 2021 11:01:38 PM

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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: Brock Clifton, Service Interruption Desk, (817) 593-6823

Time and Date Called in to the State EOC: 2253, 07/12/21

Time and Date of the Event: 2231, 07/12/21

Mile post and/or Address of Event: Stampede Subdivision, MP 2.0; Ellensburg

Circumstances of the Incident: Train struck a trespasser standing in the foul of the track.

Number of Injuries and/or Fatalities: Unknown at this time.

Type of Rail Cars Involved (tank, hopper, box, flat, etc.): Freight Train, ID #XLVWNIL911

Type and Amount of HAZMAT spilled: None.

Any Additional Details That Will Assist in Identifying the Necessary Response: Kittitas S.O. is enroute with Fire Department.

Name and Phone Local POC: Daniel Bennett, Road Foreman of Engines, (509) 860-7021

Railroad Incident Number: None

State EOC Incident Number: 21-2651

Jerald "Jaye" Compton  
State Emergency Operations Officer  
Washington State Emergency Management Division  
Washington Military Department  
Building 20, MS: TA-20  
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122  
1-800-258-5990



**From:** [Service, Interruption Desk](#)  
**To:** [Service, Interruption Desk](#)  
**Cc:** [Service, Interruption Desk](#)  
**Subject:** 071321 X LVWNIL9 11 Trespasser - Ellensburg, WA  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:56:52 PM

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Ticket #: 14008  
Create D/T: 07/13/21 00:31:43  
Resource: Ellensburg WA  
Division: Northwest  
Subdivision: Stampede  
MilePost: 2.592  
Line Segment: 49  
City: Ellensburg  
County: Kittitas  
State: WA  
D Code: 217095  
Train Symbol: X LVWNIL911 BNSF 7708 EAST

Trouble Code: Trespasser  
Trouble Desc: 0031CT on the Stampede Subdivision at MP 2.0 the X LVWNIL9 11 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 unknow.

Lead Locomotive (BNSF7708 ) is camera equipped. The train crew is not requesting Critical Incident Relief at time of notification.

There are multiple trains potential impacted as a result.

Division officers are responding with an ETA of 0300CT.

0143CT ROC Confirmed Fatality  
0254CT Closeout

Train Soup: 0-116-3598-6776  
Train Direction: East  
Lead Locos: BNSF 7708 BNSF 4196 BNSF 5846  
DP Locos:  
Conductor Name: JE HODGES  
Engineer Name: JW LOWERY  
Other Name:  
On Duty Time and Date: 07/12/21 16:50:00  
Crew Origin/Destination: AUBPAS

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

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

Evacuations:

Weather: 75\* Clear Winds N 17 Mph

State Report number: 21-2651

NRC Report Number: 131-0498

NOTIFIED event(s):

7/13/2021 1:44:46 NOTIFIED - NRC --> NRC

7/13/2021 12:54:14 NOTIFIED - State --> WA Jay

7/13/2021 12:53:25 NOTIFIED - MDPR --> Remedy

7/13/2021 12:53:16 NOTIFIED - Signal Desk --> Remedy

7/13/2021 12:34:27 NOTIFIED - NOC GDT --> Steve

7/13/2021 12:33:24 NOTIFIED - ROC --> Pedro

## Hancock, Katie (UTC)

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**From:** State Emergency Operations Officer (MIL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:04 AM  
**To:** Kittitas County - Higashiyama; 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:** FW: NRC#1310498

Below NRC report is related to the BNSF Train vs Pedestrian Trespasser incident emailed earlier. State Incident #21-2651.

Please reply with confirmation of receipt. Thank you.

Jerald "Jaye" Compton  
State Emergency Operations Officer  
Washington State Emergency Management Division Washington Military Department Building 20, MS: TA-20 Camp  
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-----Original Message-----

From: HQS-SMB-NRC@uscg.mil <HQS-SMB-NRC@uscg.mil>  
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Subject: NRC#1310498

External Email

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Incident Report # 1310498

### INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

\*Report taken by NRC on 13-JUL-21 at 02:55 ET.  
Incident Type: RAILROAD NON-RELEASE  
Incident Cause: TRESPASSER  
Affected Area:  
Incident occurred on 12-JUL-21 at 22:31 local incident time.  
Affected Medium: RAIL REPORT (N/A) / TRESPASSER

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### REPORTING PARTY

Name: BROCK CLIFTON  
Organization: BNSF RAILWAY  
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

MP: 2.5 County: KITTITAS

SUB: STAMPEDE

City: ELLENSBURG State: WA

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RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER IS REPORTING THAT A FREIGHT TRAIN STRUCK A TRESPASSER  
RESULTING IN ONE FATALITY.

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SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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INCIDENT DETAILS

Grade Crossing: NO

Location Subdivision: STAMPEDE

Railroad Milepost: 2.5

Type of Vehicle Involved:

Crossing Device Type:

Device Operational: YES

DOT Crossing Number:

Date and Time Service was/will be Restored:

Brake Failure: NO

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

Passenger Train Route: NO

Passenger Train Delay Expected: NO

Passenger Train Delay Handling:

---RAILROAD INFORMATION---

Railroad Involved: BNSF RAILWAY

Train Number: XLVWNIL911

Train Type: FREIGHT Train Direction: E

Train Speed: Track Speed:

Locomotives: 3 Cars: 116 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

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours	Direction of Closure
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Air: NO

Road: NO Major Artery:NO

Waterway:NO

Track: YES SINGLE MAIN 2 E/W

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

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REMEDIAL ACTIONS

LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION.  
Release Secured: UNKNOWN  
Release Rate:  
Estimated Release Duration:

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WEATHER

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:  
State/Local: WA EMR OPS CENTER  
State/Local On Scene: LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
State Agency Number:

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (GRASP)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (770)4887100  
ASST COMDT FOR INTELLIGENCE (CG-2) (OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE PLANS AND POLICY (CG-25))  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)3722886  
CGIS D13 FIELD OFFICE (CGIS D13 COMMAND CENTER)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (206)2207141  
CBP TRADE PTNRSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM (LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (562)3663864  
DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (SECRETARY OPERATION CENTER (SOC))

13-JUL-21 03:01  
NATIONAL COORDINATING CTR FOR COMMS (NCC COMM-ISAC)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (703)2355626  
DHS CYBER & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY (OFC OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RGN X)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)8215301  
OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION (WA STATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)8053379  
DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)3661863  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMIN. (MAIN OFFICE (AUTO))  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)4930636  
FEMA REGION 10 (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (425)4874704  
NATIONAL HWY TRANS SAFETY ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)4412924  
CISA CENTRAL (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)2829201  
NOAA RPTS FOR WA (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (206)5264911  
NTSB RAIL (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (202)3146293  
OREGON TITAN FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (877)6204702  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMIN (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (801)9180995  
WA STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (800)2585990  
TSA OFFICE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS (SURFACE OPS/PSAT - OREGON OFFICE)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (614)7328440  
TSA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY (TWIC ENFORCEMENT)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (206)3875236  
USCG DISTRICT 13 (DISTRICT THIRTEEN (DRAT - DRMM))  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (206)2207221  
VOLPE CENTER (TRANSPORTATION HUMAN FACTORS)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (617)4942000  
WASHINGTON STATE FUSION CENTER (FUSION COMMAND CENTER)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (877)8439522  
WA UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM (RAILROAD SAFETY)  
13-JUL-21 03:01 (360)6641160

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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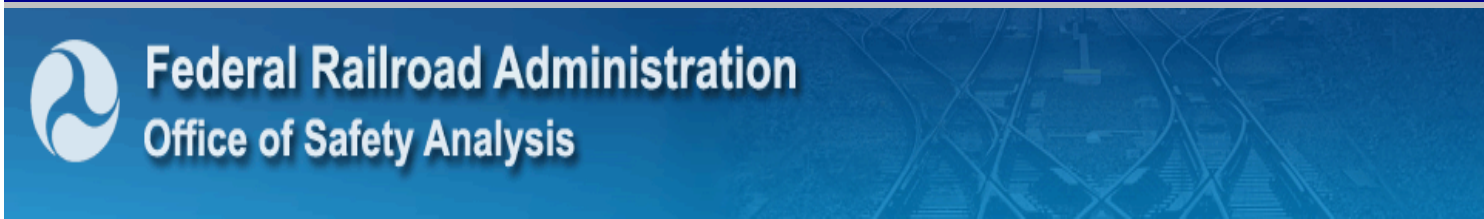
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FROM FORM FRA F 6180.55A

CASUALTY RECORD			
<b>RAILROAD:</b>	BNSF Rwy Co. [BNSF]	<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	NW0721108
<b>DATE:</b>	07 /12 /2021	<b>TIME:</b>	10:31PM
<b>STATE:</b>	Washington	<b>COUNTY:</b>	KITTITAS
<b>TYPE PERSON:</b>	Trespassers	<b>AGE:</b>	
<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>	Standing
<b>EVENT:</b>	Struck by on-track equipment
<b>RESULT:</b>	Ground
<b>CAUSE:</b>	Trespassing
LOCATION	
<b>SITE:</b>	Main/branch
<b>ON TRK EQP:</b>	Freight train - moving
<b>WHERE:</b>	On track
<b>NARRATIVE</b>	TRESPASSER WAS FATALITY STRUCK BY A TRAIN. NOT ON A CROSSING AGE UNKNOWN

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# Kittitas County Sheriffs Office

## Detail Incident Report

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**Incident**S21-08829

**Reference Number:**

**Number:**

**Incident:** ACCIDENT-UNKNOWN INJURY

**Area:**

**Observed:** Death, Attended

**Location:** SR 97 & SR 10; SE AT  
TRAINTRACKS

**When Reported:** 22:38:40 07/12/21

**Occurred Between:** 22:38:23 07/12/21

**And:** 22:38:23 07/12/21

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### COMPLAINANTS:

**Name:** BNSF

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*

**Race/Sex:** /

**Address:** 605 PUYALLUP AVE  
TACOMA, WA 98421

**Home Phone:** (800)795-2673

**Work Phone:** ( ) -

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### DECEASED:

**Name:** TOURANGEAU, JOHN R.

**DOB:** 12/07/1985

**Race/Sex:** W/M

**Address:** GENERAL DELIVERY  
ELLENSBURG, WA 98926

**Home Phone:** (509)850-6250

**Work Phone:** (509)899-9535

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### MENTIONED IN REPORT:

**Name:** PLESHA, SURILDA J.

**DOB:** 07/09/1982

**Race/Sex:** W/F

**Address:** 41 1ST ST  
THORP, WA 98946

**Home Phone:** (509)961-4206

**Work Phone:** ( ) -

**Name:** LOWERY, JUSTIN W.

**DOB:** 03/09/1977

**Race/Sex:** /M

**Address:** 10807 NE 124TH AVE  
VANCOUVER, WA 98682-1620

**Home Phone:**

**Work Phone:**

**Name:** HODGES, JERRY E.

**DOB:** 07/21/1966

**Race/Sex:** /M

**Address:** 126 N ST SW  
QUINCY, WA 98848-1681

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**Home Phone:**

**Work Phone:**

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**NARRATIVE:****Name:** ROMERO, KYLIE L

Kittitas County Sheriff's Office Uniform Incident Report

CASE #: S21-08829

CRIME: ACCIDENT-FATALITY TRAIN V. PED

DECEASED: JOHN R. TOURANGEAU (12/07/1985)

NARRATIVE: On 07/12/21 at approximately 2238 hours while on uniform patrol for the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office I was dispatched to an accident unknown injury involving a train v. pedestrian in the area of Currier Creek of Old Hwy 10.

I arrived on scene at approximately 2244 hours and contacted the train engineers Justin W. Lowery (03/09/1977) and Jerry E. Hodges (07/21/1966). Jerry stated that approximately 1000 yards back (WEST) they struck a male who was walking along the tracks. He stated that they saw the male approximately 200 feet in front of them before hitting him. I asked Jerry what the male looked like and he stated "white male possibly 20-30 years old, long hair wearing a black shirt.

I asked Jerry approximately how fast they were going and he stated, "about 40 mph." I asked Jerry if the male attempted to get out of the way and he stated, "no, he just stood there with his left hand out as if he were giving a high five." Jerry advised that Justin sounded the horn and the bells as soon as they saw him and he never moved.

At this time I gathered Jerry and Justin's contact information and took photographs of the train. On the left side (North) of the train steps there was visible blood, brain matter and hair.

The other units on scene were attempting to located the male. Deputy Garcia located the deceased, later identified as John Tourangeau approximately 1000-2000 yard West of the beginning of the train. When Tourangeau was located he was not conscious, not breathing and had visible trauma to his entire body.

I contacted the other units and assisted them with gathering measurements and documenting the scene. Medics arrived on scene and pronounced Tourangeau deceased. BNSF Police arrived on scene and began conducting their investigation. The Officer was able to identify Tourangeau due to previous contact with him for trespassing on BNSF property. The BNSF Officer provided me with Tourangeau's information and Sgt. Foster contacted the next of kin. See photos of scene attached to the case file.

CONCLUSION: This report is informational only. An investigation was completed and no signs of criminal activity or foul play were discovered. The scene was documented and Johnston and Williams took possession of Tourangeau's body.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY REPORTS:

Deputy Garcia for the measurements and finding the deceased.  
Sgt Foster

IN CAR VIDEO: ( ) YES (X) NO VEHICLE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

- Upper District Court
- Lower District Court
- Detectives
- Prosecutor
- Case file
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I am entering my authorized user ID and Password to Authenticate it.

Signed at Ellensburg, Washington this Tue Jul 13 19:40:55 PDT 2021

Deputy Name: Kylie Romero  
Badge #: #24

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** FOSTER, NATE

**Date:** 20:31:16 07/13/21

KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

**CASE #:** S21-08829

**CRIME:** Fatality Accident

**SUSPECT:** Tourangeau, John

**NARRATIVE:**

On 07/12/2021 while on uniformed patrol for the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office and operating a fully marked patrol vehicle I was responded to a report of a train vs a pedestrian near Hwy 10 and the entrance to the Currier Creek development. While enroute Deputy Romero, Deputy Dellinger and Reserve Deputy Garcia arrived and advised that the train conductor had stopped the train and was sure that they had struck a white male whom had been walking on the tracks.

As I arrived on scene I heard Reserve Deputy Garcia state that he had found the subject and he immediately requested aid respond. I located Reserve Deputy Garcia and the patient and checked for a pulse. The male subject was not breathing, had no pulse and had extreme trauma to the front right side of his head that made me believed life saving measures would not be effective.

I stayed with the patient until medics arrived on scene and confirmed that the patient was deceased. Once medics cleared the scene we began back tracking to where we believed the patient had been struck by following the blood evidence. We photographed the evidence and circled the areas with orange paint.

While waiting for the Kittitas County Coroner, BNSF Police Officer Loren Barger arrived on scene and stated that he believed he recognized the deceased. Officer Barger believed that he had contacted the deceased several weeks earlier and believed him to be John Tourangeau. We ran the name through DOL and found that the DOL photo for John Tourangeau matched the deceased.

Deputy Romero got statements from the two conductors on board and I took measurements from where the deceased was lying to a fixed point on the railroad track and a fixed point on the Shunt Bridge marked MP 2.1.

Deputy Coroner Schroeder arrived on scene and then the deceased was taken by Johnston and Williams funeral service.



Officer Barger advised the BNSF Case number would be 2167002320 and that the symbol for the train was XLVWNIL911A. He further advised that the train consisted of 116 cars all of which were empty and that the total length of the train would have been 6,776 ft. Barger also advised that he would be checking to see if this train was equipped with video surveillance and if it was he would request a copy for my report.

Just prior to leaving I went to the lead locomotive of the train and approximately 100 yards ahead of where the train had come to a stop I found a pair of black shoes sitting on the west side of the tracks. The shoes appeared to have been taken off as they were sitting nicely next to the tracks with the laces untied. I photographed the shoes.

I then detailed to 41 1st St in Thorp where we believed the deceased's sister lived. I made contact with Surilda Plesha who conformed that John was her brother. I then advised her of the accident and her brother's death.

On 07/13/2021 when I returned to work I requested Detective Grant Thompson respond to the scene with a KCSO drone and take aerial footage of the scene. Det Thompson will add the drone footage once complete.

This concludes my involvement in this investigation.

IN CAR VIDEO: ( ) YES ( ) NO VEHICLE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I am entering my authorized user ID and Password to authenticate it.

Signed at Ellensburg, Washington this 13th day of July 2021.

Deputy Name: Nate C. Foster  
Badge #: 16

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** THOMPSON, GRANT

**Date:** 16:23:43 07/19/21

KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

CASE #: S21-08829

INCIDENT: SEE MAIN NARRATIVE

SUSPECT:

**NARRATIVE:**

On 07-13-2021, Sergeant Foster requested that I obtain additional photographs of the scene of the collision of this pedestrian versus train. Sergeant Foster told me that he had painted the scene and wanted an aerial photograph of the scene.

I contacted the BNSF Railway and obtained permission to fly a drone over their railway. I then took several photographs with a KCSO owned drone from above the tracks. I have uploaded these photographs into the case file.

IN CAR VIDEO: ( ) YES (X) NO VEHICLE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed at Ellensburg, Washington this Mon Jul 19 16:24:39 PDT 2021

Deputy Name: Grant Thompson

Badge #: 34

**SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**

**Name:** GARCIA, LOGAN

**Date:** 14:54:56 07/29/21

KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

CASE #: S21-08829

CRIME: INJURY ACCIDENT

SUSPECT: JOHN R. TOURANGEAU

**NARRATIVE:**

On 7/12/21 at 2238 hours while on uniform patrol for the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, KCSO Deputies were dispatched to an unknown injury accident on the train tracks near SR 97 and SR 10. It was reported that a train had hit a male and was now stopped.

I detailed to the area where I observed the engine of the train stopped in the area of Old Highway 10 and W Clearview Dr. It was relayed to me that the train had struck a male approximately 1000 yard west of my location.

I began walking down the tracks to attempt to locate the male and check for injuries. After approximately 1000-2000 yards, I located a male laying on his back. I called out to the male, with no response. I observed blood on the rocks in the area of the male, and observed significant trauma to the male. It appeared the male was not breathing as well.

I called for medics to respond to the scene. Sgt Foster then arrived at my location, where I assisted Deputy Romero and Sgt Foster in the investigation. This concludes my involvement with this case. See other deputies reports for additional details.

IN CAR VIDEO: (X) YES ( ) NO VEHICLE NUMBER: 1501 VIDEO ID: 149273

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Signed at Cle Elum, Washington this Thu Jul 29 15:07:29 PDT 2021

Deputy Name: L. Garcia  
Badge #: G65

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**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**To:** [Hancock, Katie \(UTC\)](#); [Kittitas County Coroner](#); [Henderson, Nick \(DOHi\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Cause and Manner of Death - Rail fatality 7/12/2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:27:20 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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External Email

Good morning Katie,

Yes. His cause of death was found to be massive blunt force trauma to the torso, head, and extremities. And the manner was accident.

Thank you.

Cori McKean,  
Office Administrator  
Kittitas County Coroner's Office  
507 North Nanum Street #113A  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Ofc: (509)933-8200  
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**From:** Hancock, Katie (UTC) <katie.hancock@utc.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** Kittitas County Coroner <coroner@co.kittitas.wa.us>; Nick Henderson <nick.henderson@co.kittitas.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Cause and Manner of Death - Rail fatality 7/12/2021

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Good morning, I am a Transportation Specialist with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), Rail Safety section. The UTC is tasked with investigating Washington state railroad fatalities per [RCW 81.28.900](#). We regularly contact coroner offices to collect the cause and manner of death for railroad fatalities.

Could you please provide the cause and manner of death of pedestrian, John Tourangeau, who was fatally struck by a BNSF Railway Co. train on July 12, 2021, in the area of Currier Creek and Old Hwy 10 (not at a crossing) in Ellensburg, Kittitas County?

If you need additional information, please reply or call me at the number below. You may also visit the [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov) [Rail Safety webpage](#) for information about our program. Could you provide the above information before or by Friday January 14, 2022 if possible for our investigation? Thank you for the assistance.

**Katie Hancock**

Transportation Specialist, Rail Safety

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