

**Tacoma Police Department
Incident Report**

Incident No. 1632301270.1

PDA:	Homeland Security: No	Subject: Death Investigation Train vs Pedestrian	Incident No. 1632301270.1
IBR Disposition: Active	Case Management Disposition:		
Forensics: Forensics Responded	Reporting By/Date: 209021 - Hayes, Angela 11/18/2016 20:27:50		
Case Report Status: Approved	Reviewed By/Date: T04654 - Jepson, Kevin 11/19/2016 05:04:08		

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
16-014516	Amtrak

Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count
STMT - Statement / Notes (copy/digital)		2

Location Address: Mccarver St/Ruston Wy	Location Name:
City, State, Zip: Tacoma, WA 98402	Cross Street:
Contact Location:	City, State, Zip:
Recovery Location:	City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD: 151 - Tacoma	District/Sector: TA21 - Tacoma
Occurred From: 11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:
Notes:	

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

Domestic Violence: No	Child Abuse: No	Gang Related: No/Unknown	Juvenile: No
Completed: Completed	Crime Against:	Hate/Bias: None (No Bias)	
Criminal Activity:		Using:	
Location Type: Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Type of Security:	Tools:	
Total No. of Units Entered:	Evidence Collected:		
Entrance Compromised: Not Applicable			
Entry Method:			
Suspect Description:			
Suspect Actions:			
Notes:			

Other Entity O1: Lewis, Alexandria F

PDA:

Aliases:

Call Source: Dispatched	Assisted By:					
Phone Report: No	Notified:					
Insurance Letter:	Entered By: 209021 - Hayes, Angela					
Entered On: 11/18/2016 16:44:09	Approved By: E0237 - Holstien, Gidget					
Approved On: 11/19/2016 05:16:59	Exceptional Clearance:					
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:	Exceptional Clearance Date:					
Additional Distribution:	Other Distribution:					
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial	

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DOB:	4b	Age:	28	Sex:	Female	Race:	Black	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	5' 3"	Weight:		Hair Color:	Black	Eye Color:	Brown	Phone:	
Address:	4b			County:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:				Occupation/Grade:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident		Occupation/Grade:		Driver License State:	Washington	Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:
SSN:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Driver License No:	4b		Driver License State:	Washington	Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Attire:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
SMT:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Pedestrian		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O2: Johnson, Lane Gordon

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	52	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:	6' 2"	Weight:	240	Hair Color:		Eye Color:	Green	Phone:	4b
Address:	4b			County:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:				Occupation/Grade:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident		Occupation/Grade:		Driver License State:	Washington	Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:
SSN:	SSN			Reporting Statement Obtained:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Driver License No:			Driver License State:	Washington	Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Attire:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
SMT:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Entity Notes:									

Other Entity O3: Vanderfange, Erik H

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:		Age:	00	Sex:	Unknown	Race:	Unknown	Ethnicity:	Unknown
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:		Phone:	4b
Address:				County:		Business Phone:		Other Phone:	
City, State Zip:				Country:		Employer/School:		Place Of Birth:	
Other Address:				Occupation/Grade:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Resident:	Nonresident		Occupation/Grade:		Driver License State:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:
SSN:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Driver License Country:		Complexion:	
Driver License No:			Driver License State:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Attire:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
SMT:				Reporting Statement Obtained:		Complexion:		Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Other Individual		Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Hair:		Facial Shape:		
Entity Notes:	Amtrak Police Detective								

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
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Vehicle Activity:	Direction Vehicle Traveling:
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Synopsis:

Narrative:	<p>On November 18, 2016, at approximately 1520 hours, I was dispatched to a collision between a train and a pedestrian on the railroad tracks crossing at McCarver, just south of Ruston Way.</p> <p>I arrived on scene and spoke with the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) personnel. I observed what I know from my training and experience to be a deceased subject covered with a yellow blanket. TFD confirmed the subject was a female and she was deceased.</p> <p>I spoke with multiple witnesses that all stated the female attempted to cross the railroad tracks while the crossing arms were down and the audible warnings were sounding. They said that one train traveling northbound had just finished crossing the track at a slow rate, and when the first train finished crossing, the woman began to cross the tracks. They said she was immediately struck by an "Amtrak" train that was traveling southbound on the tracks at a high rate of speed. PPO Martin took names and statements from these witnesses. See PPO Martin's report for witness information.</p> <p>I walked south on the railroad tracks and contacted the "Amtrak" engineer who was not allowed by law to leave the engine. I contacted the engineer, (O) JOHNSON. He told me he was traveling southbound at approximately 50 miles per hour (MPH), and there was a Burlington Northern (BNSF) train traveling northbound. He told me the BNSF train was traveling at a very slow rate and had just cleared the railroad crossing. (O) JOHNSON told me at that time he observed the female, identified as a, (P) LEWIS come from the north side of the tracks right after the BNSF train had cleared. (O) JOHNSON told me (P) LEWIS saw his train at the last second and put her arms out, but was unable to stop herself from moving in front of it. (O) JOHNSON told me she almost was able to stop, but was struck by his right side bumper guard.</p> <p>(O) JOHNSON told me the crossing warnings were operating properly and further explained how trains in the area are not to sound their horns, but the crossing indicators indicated the arms and signals were working properly and that is why he proceeded through the crossing as he is trained. He did say that when he saw (P) LEWIS, he immediately sounded his horn and hit the brakes, "but it was too late!"</p> <p>I asked (O) JOHNSON if he was mentally and physically ok. He declined medical aid or to speak with anyone about the traumatic experience.</p> <p>I spoke with "Amtrak" police detective, (O) VANDERFANGE. He gave me all of the information listed below about the train, its route, and passenger load. He also sent me still photos from the train at the time of the incident. (O) VANDERFANGE will also be forwarding video footage, but was unable to upload it at the time of this report.</p> <p>Amtrak Police Case 16-014516</p> <p>248 passengers Train Identification is Amtrak Cascade Number 507(18) Lead Locomotive AMTK 90340 (Southbound Seattle to Eugene, OR) Emergency Braked applied at 1509 hours PT with preliminary train speed at 38 mph. Railroad Location: Milepost 2.88 Seattle Subdivision BNSF tracks</p> <p>I stayed on scene and protected the scene until BNSF completed their safety testing on the railroad tracks and deemed it safe to reopen the roadway.</p> <p>Medical Examiner #30 arrived and transported the deceased from the scene. ME case #16-2090.</p>
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Reviewed By:	Reviewed Date:
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**Tacoma Police Department
Supplemental Report**

Incident No. 1632301270.2

PDA:	Homeland Security:	Subject:	Death Investigation	Incident No. 1632301270.2
IBR Disposition:	Active	Case Management Disposition:		
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	T201320 - Martin, Jacob 11/18/2016 20:40:11	
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	T04654 - Jepson, Kevin 11/19/2016 04:57:07	

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

Attachment Type	Additional Distribution	Count	
Location Address:	Mccarver St/Ruston Wy	Location Name:	
City, State, Zip:	Tacoma, WA 98402	Cross Street:	
Contact Location:		City, State, Zip:	
Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:	
CB/Grid/RD:	151 - Tacoma	District/Sector:	TA21 - Tacoma
Occurred From:	11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:	
Notes:			

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:		Using:	None (No Bias)
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:					
Total No. of Units Entered:	Not Applicable						
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Witness W0: Ferrieri, John

PDA:

Aliases:		Age:	69	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	4b	Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:			
Height:									

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	209021 - Hayes, Angela						
Phone Report:		Notified:							
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	T201320 - Martin, Jacob						
Entered On:	11/18/2016 17:29:17	Approved By:	E0237 - Holstien, Gidget						
Approved On:	11/19/2016 05:19:14	Exceptional Clearance:							
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:							
Additional Distribution:		Other Distribution:							
Validation Processing	Distribution Date:	County Pros. Atty.	Juvenile	Other	CPS	Supervisor:			
	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military	DSHS	PreTrial				
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Address:	(4b)	County:		Phone:	4b
City, State Zip:	(4b)	Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:		Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Driver License Country:	
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	Near Ruston Way at the cross walk.				

Witness W1: Wingstrand, Becky A

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	73	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:				Eye Color:	
Address:	4b			County:				Phone:	4b
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:				Business Phone:	
Other Address:								Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident			Occupation/Grade:				Employer/School:	
SSN:								Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:				Driver License State:				Driver License Country:	
Attire:								Complexion:	
SMT:								Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes							Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	On Ruston Way at the traffic light.								

Witness W2: Adams, Hobert A.

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	52	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:				Eye Color:	
Address:	4b			County:				Phone:	
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:				Business Phone:	
Other Address:								Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident			Occupation/Grade:				Employer/School:	
SSN:								Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:				Driver License State:				Driver License Country:	
Attire:								Complexion:	
SMT:								Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes							Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	Walking next to victim								

Witness W3: Geise, Gentry E

PDA:

Aliases:									
DOB:	4b	Age:	66	Sex:	Female	Race:	White	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:				Eye Color:	
Address:	4b			County:				Phone:	4b
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:				Business Phone:	
Other Address:								Other Phone:	

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Resident:		Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:		Driver License Country:	
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes			Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	Walking on the sidewalk on the south side (N. 30th St. side) of the tracks.				

Witness W4: Chin-Purcell, Lia V

PDA:

Aliases:						Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	4b	Age:	18	Sex:	Female	Race:	Black
Height:		Weight:		Hair Color:		Eye Color:	
Address:	4b			County:		Phone:	4b
City, State Zip:	4b			Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:						Other Phone:	
Resident:		Occupation/Grade:				Employer/School:	
SSN:						Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:		Driver License State:				Driver License Country:	
Attire:						Complexion:	
SMT:						Facial Hair:	
Testify:	Yes					Facial Shape:	
Witness Notes:	Walking on the sidewalk (south side / N 30th St. side) of the tracks.						

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On 11-18-16 I was dispatched to Railroad crossing near McCarver St. and Ruston Way reference a train vs. pedestrian collision.</p> <p>Upon arrival TFD Squad 13 and Medic One M-4 where on scene. I observed an adult female, later identified as V/LEWIS, on the ground on the tracks. V/LEWIS had been covered with a yellow sheet. TFD had called the time of death at 1529 hours.</p> <p>All traffic on McCarver St. was blocked and diverted.</p> <p>I contacted W/FERRIERI and W/WINGSTRAND who related the following. W/FERRIERI and W/WINGSTRAND where on Ruston Way and had a clear view of the tracks. The RR crossing arms where down blocking traffic, the red warning lights were flashing and the horns were active. V/LEWIS was on foot attempting to cross the tracks, walking S/B toward N. 30th St. A cargo type train passed and V/LEWIS started to cross. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak, which was traveling in the opposite direction of the cargo train.</p> <p>I contacted W/GEISE and W/CHIN-PURCELL who related the following. W/GEISE and W/CHIN-PURCELL where on the crosswalk on the south side (N. 30th St. Side) of the train tracks. They both had a clear view of the RR crossing. The RR crossing warning lights, arm bar and horn were all activated. A cargo train passed and V/LEWIS started to cross. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak, which was travelling in the opposite direction.</p>
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I contacted W/ADAMS who related the following. W/ADAMS was on foot walking his dog. W/ADAMS was walking near V/LEWIS. W/ADAMS and V/LEWIS were stopped waiting for the RR tracks to clear. W/ADAMS and V/LEWIS where intending to cross S/B over the tracks. The RR crossing warn lights, horn and arm bars where all activated. After the cargo type train passed V/LEWIS started to cross the tracks. V/LEWIS was struck by the Amtrak which was traveling in the opposite direction.

Sgt. Jepson (S197) responded to the scene and was advised.

Forensics Services responded and processed the scene for evidence.

I located V/LEWIS' wallet and North Carolina ID in her left jacket pocket. The wallet/ID was later released to ME23 (P. Glen.)

ME23 (P. Glen) arrived and took custody of V/LEWIS' body.

At the request of BNSF staff I observed them unlock the control shed near the RR crossing prior to their testing of the RR crossing signals.

Nothing further.

Reviewed By:

Reviewed Date:

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Incident No. 1632301270.3

PDA:	Homeland Security:	Subject:	Death Investigation Autopsy Results & Case Clearance	Incident No. 1632301270.3
IBR Disposition:	Resolved	Case Management Disposition:	CERS - Cleared Exceptional - Resolved	
Forensics:		Reporting By/Date:	T04137 - Nist, Louise 12/27/2016 10:18:47	
Case Report Status:	Approved	Reviewed By/Date:	T03326 - Darland, Sean 12/30/2016 09:27:09	

Related Cases:

Case Report Number	Agency
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Non-Electronic Attachments

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Recovery Location:		City, State, Zip:
CB/Grid/RD:	151 - Tacoma	District/Sector:
Occurred From:	11/18/2016 15:15:00 Friday	Occurred To:
Notes:		

Offense Details: 0810 - Death Investigation

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Completed:	Completed	Crime Against:		Hate/Bias:		Using:	None (No Bias)
Criminal Activity:		Type of Security:		Tools:			
Location Type:	Railroad Tracks / Right of Way	Evidence Collected:					
Total No. of Units Entered:	Not Applicable						
Entrance Compromised:							
Entry Method:							
Suspect Description:							
Suspect Actions:							
Notes:							

Other Entity O1: Lewis, Alexandria F

PDA:

Aliases:		Age:	28	Sex:	Fem	Race:	Black	Ethnicity:	Non-Hispanic
DOB:	4b	Weight:		Hair Color:	Black	Eye Color:	Brown		

Call Source:	Dispatched	Assisted By:	
Phone Report:		Notified:	
Insurance Letter:		Entered By:	T04137 - Nist, Louise
Entered On:	12/27/2016 10:12:29	Approved By:	E11644 - Speir, Michael
Approved On:	12/30/2016 09:38:25	Exceptional Clearance:	
Adult/ Juvenile Clearance:		Exceptional Clearance Date:	
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	By:	City Pros. Atty.	Military
		Other	CPS
		DSHS	PreTrial
			Supervisor:

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City, State Zip:		Country:		Business Phone:	
Other Address:				Other Phone:	
Resident:	Full - Time Resident	Occupation/Grade:		Employer/School:	
SSN:				Place Of Birth:	
Driver License No:	4b	Driver License State:	Washington	Driver License Country:	
Attire:				Complexion:	
SMT:				Facial Hair:	
Entity Type:	Pedestrian	Reporting Statement Obtained:		Facial Shape:	
Entity Notes:					

Investigative Information

Means:		Motive:	
Vehicle Activity:		Direction Vehicle Traveling:	

Synopsis:	
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Narrative:	<p>On 11/21/16, I was assigned death investigation case #16-323-01270. On 11/18/16, Alexandria Lewis was struck by a train on Ruston Way and died as a result of her injuries. Refer to the previous reports for details.</p> <p>On 12/27/16, I contacted the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office regarding Lewis' cause and manner of death. Her cause of death was determined to be multiple traumatic injuries and the manner of death was an accident.</p> <p>On 12/27/16, this case was Cleared Exceptional - Resolved.</p> <p>Nothing further.</p>
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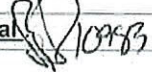
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FORENSIC SPECIALIST REPORT

Crime	DEATH INVESTIGATION	Case No	1632301270	CB	151	District	21
Dispatch Date	11/18/2016	Time	15:35	Arrived	15:52	Cleared	16:57
Call Location	McCarver Street & Schuster Parkway						
Victim	LEWIS, Alexandria	Address					

Details

Latent Search Made	No	Results	
Evidence Recovered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photos Taken	Color <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B & W <input type="checkbox"/>	Video <input type="checkbox"/>
Prints Found On			
Showing	Photo slate, street identification signs for McCarver Street and Schuster Parkway, overall views of railroad tracks running east and west across McCarver Street on the south side of Schuster Parkway, overall views of suspected point of impact on southernmost railroad track on the east side of McCarver Street, suspected blood transfer on McCarver Street and the northernmost railroad track, overall views of victim laying on the southernmost railroad track near the west side of McCarver Street, victim's cell phone, injuries to victim's face, head, and left leg, wallet with victim's North Carolina Driver License, views of apparent blood on area under the victim after removal of the victim.		
Narrative	I was notified via radio police dispatch to respond to the above location at the request of Sgt. K. Jepson, S-197, for a train versus pedestrian death investigation. I met Sgt. Jepson at the location where he showed me the victim and informed me that victim was struck by a passenger train traveling westbound on the southernmost railroad track after which I began taking the above listed photographs. Officer J. Martin, P-056, Officer S. Storwick, P-212, and others were also present at the location. Medical Examiner Investigators P. Glen and J. Lombardi responded to the scene to take custody of the victim. Medical Examiner Dr. Clark was also responded to the location.		

Date:	11/18/2016	Forensic Specialist:	D. VELEZ #90000	Approval:	
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