



Centralia Police Department

Incident Report

Incident #: 16A8259

Incident: Traffic Accident, Fatal

Area: Area 2 Centralia City

Location: 121 S Railroad Ave

When Reported: 13:44:20 07/04/16

Occurred Between: 13:42:48 07/04/16

And: 13:43:07 07/04/16

DECEASED:

1) Name: DOW, SHERI LIN
DOB: 4b Race/Sex: W/F
Address: 4b
Home Phone: 4b Work Phone: () -
Employer:

MENTIONED IN REPORT:

1) Name: ROSS, PAUL B
DOB: 4b Race/Sex: W/M
Address: 4b
Home Phone: 4b Work Phone: 4b
Employer:

2) Name: DAY, ANDREW
DOB: **/**/** Race/Sex: W/M
Address: 4b
Home Phone: 4b Work Phone: () -
Employer:

3) Name: BACON, AL
DOB: **/**/** Race/Sex: /
Address:
Home Phone: () - Work Phone: 4b
Employer:

WITNESSES:

1) Name: BAKER, REECE TYLER
DOB: 4b Race/Sex: W/M
Address: 4b
Home Phone: 4b Work Phone: () -

Employer:

2) **Name:** KIMBREL, NATASHA MARIE

DOB:



Race/Sex: W/F

Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone: (-)

Employer:

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

1) **Status:** EVIDENCE

Item Type: Flashdrive

Item/Brand: Quill

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: /

Quantity: 1

Total Value: \$

Description:

NARRATIVE:

Name: Humphrey A

On 07/04/16 Central Dispatch advised of a pedestrian vs train collision in the 100 block of South Railroad Avenue. I, Officer Angie Humphrey, #321, responded and arrived with Sergeant Kurt Reichert. The collision was actually on the 200 block of South Railroad Avenue. Riverside Fire Authority personnel were on scene. I went to their location and assisted them with the female patient. I could see she had severe head trauma to the back of her head and there was a 4" deck nail sticking out of her forehead. I assisted Aid Personnel with loading the female into the ambulance. I did not recognize the female.

I went with Sergeant Shannon to the 100 block of South Railroad Avenue and contacted, Reece Baker and Natasha Kimbrel. They both told me that they had just came out of the Hub Tavern from eating lunch when they noticed a female walking towards the train about a block away. They said the female looked as if she was yelling at the train. She was flailing her arms and pointing at it. Ms. Kimbrel said she looked as if she was in an argument with the train. They watched as the female crossed the first set of tracks walking eastbound and then as she got closer to the train she started kicking her legs at the train as if she was going to kick it. At this point Mr. Baker told Ms. Kimbrel to look away and when they looked back the female was laying on the ground not moving.

I asked if they saw anyone near the female and they said not she was alone the entire time they saw her. I asked what kind of a train and Mr. Baker told me it was a rail car train that had was empty with only the flatbed cars. I asked what way the train was traveling and he told me southbound on the track that was to the east. I asked if they had ever seen the female before and they said they had not. I obtained taped statements from Mr. Baker and Ms. Kimbrel.

I went into the Hub and The Tower and asked if anyone had seen the accident. I spoke with one male who was intoxicated and he told me he saw the female tweaking walking towards the train and then she was on the ground. I asked if anybody knew the female and described what she was wearing and nobody did.

When I came out I was contacted by two BNSF workers, Andrew Day and Dwight Thimon. I told them what I had found out and showed them the collision site.

I spoke with Al Bacon with BNSF Police and provided him with all of the information I had reference the collision. Mr. Bacon provided me with a train number of BSSELAC703A as the train that was involved and that it was a bare table train. Mr. Bacon also provided me with their case number for the incident, 1610002321.

I spoke with Cheryl with the Coroner's office and she provided me with a picture of the females tattoo. It was a purple rose with a ribbon around the stem and in the flow of the ribbon were the names Nikki and Jessica. I searched females in Spillman for this tattoo and was unable to locate anything matching the tattoo.

This concluded my involvement at this time.

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: Angie Humphrey - 321

Centralia/Lewis/Washington Date: 07/04/16

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Shannon J

Date: 15:30:23 07/04/16

On 7/4/16 I Sgt James Shannon was on duty in uniform operating marked police patrol vehicle #11. Officers were dispatched to a report of a pedestrian vs. train collision in the 100 block of S Railroad Ave., within the city limits of the city of Centralia Washington. ON my arrival the female victim was already in the process of being loaded into an ambulance for transport. I did not recognize the victim. Sgt Reichert and officers Humphrey and D Lowrey were already on scene. I did not see any train in the area. Sgt Reichert had photographed the scene and he provided me his camera and I uploaded the photos to the report. I went with Officer Humphrey to locate the witnesses and I was present when Officer Humphrey took an initial verbal statement from the two witnesses Baker and Kimbrel. Both witnesses said that the unidentified woman had approached a moving train, was recklessly reaching toward the train as it was moving, and was struck by the train as it passed. I reported this information to my chain of command and I reopened the rail line for normal traffic. I also called and briefed the on duty coroner unit regarding the progress of the investigation to this point. This concludes my involvement in the investigation at this time.

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Electronically Signed: Yes Signature: Sgt James Shannon

Centralia/Lewis/Washington Date: 7/4/16

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Reichert K

Date: 10:43:06 07/05/16

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION: CASE #:16a8259

OFFICER: Reichert INCIDENT TYPE: Accident fatal

REVIEWED BY: CASE STATUS:

On 7-4-16 at about 1345 Hrs, I Sgt Reichert responded to a report of a pedestrian hit by a train in the 100 Blk of S. Railroad.

When I arrived I found RFA on scene and working on a female lying between the tracks in the 200 Blk of S. Railroad.

I could see that the female was bleeding from the head and had a nail protruding from her forehead.

I started taking photos of the victim and scene while the medics were working on the victim.

A pair of slippers were located on the west side of the tracks and appear to have been taken off not, thrown by momentum.

The victim was transported by Aid.

I took photos of two blood spots located between the tracks where the victim had been lying.

I turned my camera over to Sgt Shannon for downloading.

I then cleared the scene.

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Electronically Signed: Yes Signature: K. Reichert
Centralia/Lewis/Washington Date: 7-5-16

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Humphrey A

Date: 13:19:27 07/17/16

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION: CASE #: 16A8259

OFFICER: Angie Humphrey - 321 INCIDENT TYPE: Train Ped Fatal

REVIEWED BY:

CASE STATUS:

On 07/17/16 I, Officer Angie Humphrey, #321, made contact with David Dow who is Sherry Dow's ex-husband but current roommate at 4b [REDACTED]. Mr. Dow told me that he has known Ms. Dow for the past ten years and they have lived together off and on during this time. They were married for 18 months but divorced and now they were just friends.

Mr. Dow said Ms. Dow had quit taking her meds around July 2nd and he knew this because she had stopped sleeping and eating. Mr. Dow said she had not slept or ate in three days. On July 4, Ms. Dow came out of her room and would go to the door and peak out it and say "there is Evil across the street". She went and peaked out the windows saying "Everyone is dieing".

She sat on the couch and put her head in her hands and she was trembling. Mr. Dow said this would happen when she quit taking her medication. He told Ms. Dow he was going to call someone for her to get help and she took the phone out of his hand and put it on the table telling him not to call anyone and that she needed to go for a walk.

Mr. Dow gave her 10 minutes and then he went looking for her. He could not find her and said the only place he did not look was by the tracks because the roads were all blocked off for the parade. He looked for her for three hours. I asked Mr. Dow what Ms. Dow had been diagnosed with and he said he wasn't really sure but when she was off her meds she would hear people talking to her and she would talk to people that weren't there. He said she would yell at the evil.

Mr. Dow said he does not believe Ms. Dow committed Suicide he thinks she just got too close and he knows from working on the railroad if you are within eight feet and the train is going over 30mph you can get sucked into it.

I asked Mr. Dow if he knew why Ms. Dow quit taking her medication. He told me he was not sure. Nothing happened to upset her except she did not get paid on the first of July like she was supposed to.

Mr. Dow said Ms. Dow was very close with the Lord. He knows she was in pain with fibromyalgia and arthritis. She was on Social Security because she could not work do to these illnesses.

I obtained a taped statement from Mr. Dow and it is attached to this report. This concluded my involvement at this time.

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Electronically Signed: Yes Signature: Angie Humphrey - 321

Centralia/Lewis/Washington Date: 07/17/16

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Clary D

Date: 16:20:52 08/17/16

CENTRALIA PD SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DISTRIBUTION:

CASE #: 08-17-16

OFFICER: D. Clary

INCIDENT TYPE: Accidental Death

REVIEWED BY:

CASE STATUS:

On 07-05-16 I, Det. Clary, was advised that a video of this incident was captured by the video surveillance system located on the back of the building located at 214 S. Tower Ave. in Centralia. The business located there is called Central Sales and Supply and that owner, Paul Ross, advised me that he did not know that there had been a train versus pedestrian accident behind his building, he stated that he had been looking at the previous day's footage to see who had dumped a load of garbage in the alley when he saw what happened.

Ross showed me the video on his surveillance system. The video showed a woman with what appeared to be red hair and dressed in a green shirt and pants and wearing black house slippers. The woman was identified as being Sheri Dow. Dow walks into the view of the camera at 1249 Hrs. on 07-04-16 and proceeds to walk around behind the building waving her arms at times and talking to herself. Dow is alone the whole time that she is in view of the camera and appears to get more and more agitated at time goes on. At 13:48:22 Hrs. a BNSF freight train moves south bound down the railroad tracks. Dow watches the train as it is going by and then, at about 13:48:48 Hrs. Dow begins walking toward the fast moving train. She steps over the first set of rails and onto the area between to two sets of rails. When she does this she steps out of the black house slippers she was wearing. Dow walks right up the train as it is moving past her and appears to shake her fist at it or try to touch it as it is going past. At 13:49:28 she appears to be knocked down by the train and does not get up off the ground.

At the time that Dow is hit by the train she is right at the extreme edge of what the camera could see and so the actual moment when she is hit by the train is difficult to see. Despite this fact the video very clearly depicts Dow walking up to the train under her own power and attempting to hit or touch the train under her own power. It did seem from Dow's actions prior to the accident and at the time of the accident that she was suffering from some kind of a mental disorder and that this mental issue she was dealing with contributed to Dow's choice to attempt to strike a moving train. The video of this incident is attached and the original had been entered into evidence at the Centralia PD.

This death is ruled an accident and the case is closed.

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Electronically Signed: Yes Signature: D. Clary
Centralia/Lewis/Washington Date: 08-17-16

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16A8259Kimbrel.m4a		Digital Recording
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cam01-20160704-132212.h264		Other
CrossingInventory.PDF		Other

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POLICE RECORDS REQUEST

NOT ALL CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION IS DISCLOSABLE PER RCW 10.97.050

If you are requesting FULL criminal history information, it must be requested through the Washington State Patrol. They are located at: 3000 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503, or online at <https://watch.wsp.wa.gov/>

Original must be returned to: City Clerk's Office, PO Box 609, Centralia WA 98531
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date of Request: 9-21-2016	Requester Name: Lori Halstead- UTC Rail Safety
Mailing Address: 4b	Contact Phone #: 4b
City/State/Zip: 4b	Email Address: 4b

PREFERRED FORMAT

- Prefer to receive copies (Refer to C.M.C. 2.10 for copy costs). When ready: Call Mail E-Mail
- Prefer to view the record only (No charge for viewing records by appointment)

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Description of record(s) requested. Please specify your request by checking the appropriate box(es) below and adding detail in the space provided, if applicable, to help us locate the record(s) for you as quickly as possible. Failure to provide information sufficient to identify the record(s) may cause a delay.

Case/Ticket #:	Date/Time of Incident: July 4, 2016 1354	Location of Incident: Centralia at railroad tracks
Names of involved people:		

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED:

- Incident Report & Supplementals Only Traffic Collision Report Other: (Please specify below)
- Report needed for Civil Redress pursuant to RCW 10.97.070(1) – (Relationship to Incident):

Additional Information: **No photos! Pedestrian was struck by a BNSF Railway freight train at railroad milepost 54.17 in Centralia. The individual died from injuries.**

I certify that the records or information obtained will not be used for any commercial purpose pursuant to R.C.W. 42.56.070(9).

Signature of Requester

ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS PURSUANT TO R.C.W. 42.56.520.

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