

# WHEEL/WOMEN IN BLACK 2021 OUTDOOR/PUBLIC/VIOLENT LIST-OF-THE-DEAD

| <b>CAUSE OF DEATH:</b>    | <b>WHO:</b>                | <b>WHEN:</b> | <b>WHERE:</b>                     |
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| OD                        | William Bigby, 51          | 1/8/21       | 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Blaine       |
| HYPOTHERMIA               | Ryan Johnston, 29          | 1/8/21       | Alaska Wy (veh.)                  |
| OD                        | Michael Doelman, 37        | 1/9/21       | 700 bl 10 <sup>th</sup> S (tent)  |
| PENDING                   | Japji Virdi, 40            | 1/13/21      | Redmond]                          |
| SMOKE INHALATION/FIRE     | Melonie Watson-Wood, 48    | 1/17/21      | Military Rd (RV)                  |
| OD                        | Ison Prescott-Jennings, 28 | 1/20/21      | 8 <sup>th</sup> /Seneca           |
| OD                        | Annabel Swanberg, 31       | 1/23/21      | unknown                           |
| SUICIDE                   | Corbin Dobschutz, 28       | 1/24/21      | UW hosp restroom                  |
| PED. HIT BY CAR           | Steven Batitsas, 75        | 1/24/21      | 4 <sup>th</sup> /S. Mass.         |
| HYPOTHERMIA               | Cheryl Peters, 59          | 1/25/21      | 50 <sup>th</sup> /The Ave NE      |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Terrance Cannon, 58        | 1/31/21      | 4200 Stone Way                    |
| SUICIDE                   | Alisha Pillman, 28         | 2/2/21       | unknown                           |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Elizabeth Oldham, 60       | 2/2/21       | 10000 Aurora N                    |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Frederick Burkhardt Jr, 61 | 2/2/21       | storage shed                      |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Carl Hixson, 64            | 2/3/21       | North Bend                        |
| SUICIDE                   | Paul Richard Newman        | 2/6/21       | Lake City Way                     |
| OD                        | Theresa Simon, 59          | 2/8/21       | 619 Third Ave                     |
| OD                        | George Roberson, 63        | 2/8/21       | Whitman/N 59 <sup>th</sup>        |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Stephen Buck, 59           | 2/9/21       | North Bend (veh)                  |
| HYPOTHERMIA               | Unidentified man, 65       | 2/13/21      | Gasworks Park                     |
| CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING | Steven Harper, 61          | 2/14/21      | NW 53 <sup>rd</sup> (veh)         |
| BURNS                     | Carole Ann Burr, 54        | 2/17/21      | Leary NW (RV)                     |
| OD                        | Tanya Fritz, 50            | 2/19/21      | 13202 Bitter Pl N                 |
| PENDING                   | Rosa Armstrong, 61         | 3/6/21       | Auburn                            |
| TOXIC ASPHYXIA            | Jamaine Carroll, 41        | 3/11/21      | Univ. Playfield                   |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | William Pritchard, 65      | 3/12/21      | Belltown (van)                    |
| INHALATION INJURY         | Sala'a Falefuafua, 53      | 3/18/21      | Kent (vehicle)                    |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH   | Michael Goeman, 59         | 3/16/21      | Auburn                            |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH   | Vance Lakey, 31            | 3/16/21      | Auburn                            |
| PED HIT BY VEHICLE        | Benjamin Heide, 47         | 3/19/21      | Auburn                            |
| HOMICIDE: BEATEN          | Jeffrey Christenson, 62    | 3/20/21      | Central Library/hosp              |
| OD                        | Frank Reece, 62            | 3/22/21      | Auburn (vehicle)                  |
| BICYCLIST HIT BY VEHICLE  | Robert "River" Miesse, 54  | 3/24/21      | Michigan/Corson                   |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Tod Goddard, 54            | 3/24/21      | vehicle/unknown                   |
| HEAD INJURY (ACCIDENT)    | Mohamed Hersi, 35          | 3/24/21      | Courthouse Park                   |
| FETAL DEATH               | Baby Boy RG                | 3/30/21      | 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE (vehicle) |
| PED HIT BY VEHICLE        | Rainy Griffin, 53          | 3/30/21      | 133 <sup>rd</sup> /Lake City Wy   |
| HYPOTHERMIA               | Kurt Sankey, 60            | 3/30/21      | 7400 bl Greenlake (vehicle)       |
| SUICIDE                   | Joel Williams, 43          | 4/2/21       | St Marks greenbelt                |
| OD                        | Roberto Hernandez, 42      | 4/4/21       | Renton                            |
| OD                        | Matthew Guhlke, 38         | 4/5/21       | Yakima/hospital                   |
| PENDING                   | Michael Yoakum, 30         | 4/13/21      | Ballard Common                    |
| ACUTE INTOXICATION        | Dennis Tillitt Jr, 49      | 4/20/21      | SW 100 <sup>th</sup>              |
| ACUTE INTOXICATION        | Nicholas Solovjov, 19      | 4/20/21      | Pioneer Square                    |
| HEAD WOUND (ACCIDENT)     | Rodrick Ladd, 53           | 4/21/21      | Wenatchee/HMC                     |
| OD                        | Samuel Black Jr, 59        | 4/21/21      | Lake City/hosp.                   |
| DROWNED                   | James Wayman, 77           | 4/21/21      | Bellevue                          |
| ACCIDENT/UNK. CAUSE       | Gary Higgins, 67           | 5/1/21       | Seattle, outdoors                 |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Richard Kelly, 73          | 5/3/21       | unknown (vehicle)                 |
| OD                        | Curtis Robinson, 50        | 5/4/21       | 6 <sup>th</sup> /Cherry           |
| UNKNOWN                   | Daniel Belay, 37           | 5/5/21       | Lake City (veh)                   |
| HOMICIDE: BEATING         | Brandi Blake, 44           | 5/5/21       | Auburn                            |
| HEAD INJURY (ACCIDENT)    | Stewart Bair, 67           | 5/8/21       | Wenatchee/HMC                     |
| SUICIDE                   | Israel Chavez, 27          | 5/8/21       | 515 Madison                       |
| ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY     | Waylon Sisson, 28          | 5/10/21      | Main/HMC (veh)                    |

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| SHOCK (ACCIDENT)          | Lynn Jarvi, 60             | 5/11/21 | Unknown/UWhosp                       |
| SUICIDE                   | Brandon Newton, 40         | 5/17/21 | Auburn                               |
| OD                        | Mary Jo Kuehl, 64          | 5/19/21 | 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave S (RV)          |
| SUICIDE                   | James Pace, 47             | 5/20/21 | Myers Way S                          |
| OD                        | Amanda Ward, 28            | 5/21/21 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Pike                |
| OD                        | Charles Lowder, Jr, 51     | 5/21/21 | Renton                               |
| OD                        | Jose Ricardo Martinez, 47  | 5/22/21 | S Fidalgo St                         |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH   | Andre Harrell, 29          | 5/22/21 | Granger                              |
| HYPOTHERMIA               | Robert Teater, 63          | 5/26/21 | Bothell                              |
| OD                        | Nicholas Bjarnson, 35      | 5/28/21 | Bitter Lake Pk                       |
| SUICIDE                   | Quota-Tisha Johnson, 40    | 5/29/21 | 13050—48 <sup>th</sup> S             |
| HOMICIDE                  | Necia McKendrick, 45       | 5/30/21 | Interlaken Park                      |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH   | Kadeem Richey, 31          | 5/31/21 | Olga/Cowen Pk                        |
| BURNED TO DEATH           | Bonifacio Tlachetl, 55     | 6/14/21 | Mt Baker                             |
| BURNED TO DEATH           | Unknown Woman              | 6/14/21 | Mt Baker                             |
| HOMICIDE: STABBING        | Bradley Arabie, 31         | 6/17/21 | Courthouse Park                      |
| HYPERTHERMIA              | Michael Pawloski, 61       | 6/30/21 | Woodinville                          |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Charles Amburgey, 44       | 6/3/21  | parking garage                       |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | James Lavigne, 61          | 6/10/21 | Ravenna (vehicle)                    |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Albert Hunt, 62            | 6/13/21 | unknown                              |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Justin Wesche, 59          | 6/13/21 | Auburn                               |
| OD                        | Randall Turner, 69         | 6/13/21 | 3rd Ave                              |
| PENDING                   | Gary Neskey, 49            | 6/18/21 | 85 <sup>th</sup> /Aurora             |
| OD                        | Marcus Ghorley, 48         | 6/19/21 | Tukwila                              |
| OD                        | Gary Howard, 67            | 6/26/21 | 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave W               |
| OD                        | Thomas Hendrix, 62         | 6/27/21 | 100 MLK Way S (RV)                   |
| DROWNED                   | Gary Wolf Jr, 50           | 6/27/21 | Yakima/HMC                           |
| SEPSIS                    | Andres Barajas, 43         | 6/29/21 | Pioneer Square                       |
| OD                        | Thor Amundson, 34          | 6/30/21 | Kent                                 |
| OD                        | Domero Davis, 44           | 7/1/21  | Courthouse Park                      |
| HYPERTHERMIA              | David Quintanares, 36      | 7/4/21  | Renton (in vehicle)                  |
| OD                        | Chester Homchick, 35       | 7/4/21  | unknown                              |
| SUICIDE                   | Jeffrey Snyder, 54         | 7/4/21  | Tukwila                              |
| PENDING                   | Daniel Crenshaw, 50        | 7/6/21  | outdoors                             |
| ALCOHOL POISONING         | James Bloomquist, 56       | 7/8/21  | Greenlake bus stop                   |
| OD                        | Javier Reyes-Poma, 42      | 7/8/21  | 10 <sup>th</sup> /S Lane             |
| ACCIDENT                  | Brian Davis, 57            | 7/10/21 | Shoreline park                       |
| HIT BY CAR (while asleep) | Mia Foster, 29             | 7/14/21 | Beacon Hill                          |
| SUICIDE                   | Atracio Errick Bolden, 31  | 7/14/21 | Kent                                 |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Jay Kehl, 46               | 7/15/21 | Occidental Sq                        |
| OD                        | Michael Moore, 60          | 7/16/21 | Bellevue                             |
| SUICIDE                   | Ryan Donnelly, 39          | 7/17/21 | 71 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> NE |
| SUICIDE                   | Tyler Ream, 32             | 7/17/21 | Skykomish                            |
| HEAD INJURY               | Angie Moses, 52            | 7/22/21 | Marysville/HMC                       |
| OD                        | Harold Rios, 55            | 7/24/21 | Northgate Way                        |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH   | Jedidiah Ibe, 16           | 7/25/21 | Federal Way                          |
| HEAD INJURIES             | Neil Lien, 65              | 7/26/21 | Yakima/HMC                           |
| OD                        | Michael Sullivan, 61       | 7/26/21 | Kent                                 |
| PED. HIT BY CAR           | Zachary Reou, 30           | 7/27/21 | S. Lake Union                        |
| OD                        | David Kendall, 48          | 7/28/21 | Burien                               |
| ANEURYSM                  | Carl Clement, 54           | 7/31/21 | Auburn campsite                      |
| SUICIDE                   | Jacob Roberts, 33          | 8/3/21  | Everett/HMC                          |
| PENDING                   | Joseph Miiks, 29           | 8/4/21  | Bellevue                             |
| OD                        | Robert Barnum, 49          | 8/5/21  | S Bend/VM Hosp                       |
| OD                        | Erik Richardson, 34        | 8/8/21  | SW Alaska St                         |
| OD                        | Miguel Chavez Andrade, 28  | 8/8/21  | Burien                               |
| OD                        | Carlos Brown, 53           | 8/8/21  | Woodland Park                        |
| OD                        | Ronny Ussery, 58           | 8/9/21  | Auburn                               |
| OD                        | Rebecca "Becky" Murphy, 57 | 8/9/21  | Woodland Park                        |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | David Groves, 62           | 8/9/21  | 46 <sup>th</sup> N/Midvale           |
| OD                        | Bret Victor, 58            | 8/11/21 | Phinney N (veh)                      |
| OD                        | Danton Demarr, 52          | 8/13/21 | I-5/Dearborn                         |
| SUICIDE                   | Charlie Perkins, 41        | 8/15/21 | 19 <sup>th</sup> /Madison            |
| PED. HIT BY CAR           | Dean Blackford, 59         | 8/15/21 | Kent                                 |
| NATURAL CAUSES            | Dennis Foust, 48           | 8/17/21 | unknown                              |
| SUICIDE                   | Miguel Chavez, 24          | 8/25/21 | Kent                                 |
| PENDING                   | Jimmy Cowan, 65            | 9/2/21  | NE 68 <sup>th</sup>                  |
| ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY     | John Wilkins, 53           | 9/2/21  | unknown                              |
| OD                        | Felipe Perez, 68           | 9/3/21  | S King/Alaska Way                    |

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| HOMICIDE: STABBED TO DEATH        | Richard McFarland, 58            | 9/4/21   | unknown                                 |
| COVID PNEUMONIA                   | Petolo Saolotoga, 41             | 9/5/21   | Renton                                  |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Mary Slider, 54                  | 9/7/21   | unknown (vehicle)                       |
| OD                                | Theodore Dale, Jr, 44            | 9/9/21   | Cedar River Trail                       |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Travis Meldahl, 31               | 9/11/21  | Aurora (Loves lot)                      |
| OD                                | James Catlett, 26                | 9/15/21  | Tukwila                                 |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Ramona Roman Nose, 34            | 9/15/21  | 4 <sup>th</sup> /S Lander               |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Jose Miranda, 68                 | 9/19/21  | unknown                                 |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Matthew Pannell, 43              | 9/21/21  | 180 <sup>th</sup> /W Valley Rd          |
| PENDING                           | Axl Kolbe, 30                    | 9/21/21  | Pier 61                                 |
| OD                                | Devin Tatsch, 28                 | 9/22/21  | unknown camp                            |
| BRAIN INJURY                      | Desa Hilliard, 46                | 9/27/21  | vehicle/NW Hosp                         |
| OD                                | David Wolbeck, 49                | 9/30/21  | MLK/S Orcas                             |
| PENDING                           | Daryl Gorbet, 52                 | 10/1/21  | 1 <sup>st</sup> /Cherry                 |
| AORTIC DISSECTION (ACCIDENT)      | Jonathon Bye, 61                 | 10/6/21  | Federal Way                             |
| SUICIDE                           | William Titchenal, 61            | 10/6/21  | N Shorewood Pk                          |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Dianne Gallien, 56               | 10/10/21 | Ballard Commons                         |
| OD                                | James Morgan, 54                 | 10/10/21 | Lake City                               |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Daniel Abraham, 28               | 10/10/21 | North Bend                              |
| OD                                | Hoang Nguyen, 61                 | 10/10/21 | unknown camp                            |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Billy Joe Lopez, 51              | 10/12/21 | unknown                                 |
| OD                                | Gerald Brown, 53                 | 10/16/21 | unknown                                 |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH           | Waheed Rashid, 33                | 10/16/21 | Kent                                    |
| FETAL DEATH                       | Baby Boy S                       | 10/18/21 | Bellevue                                |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Michael J. Jones, 33             | 10/20/21 | 76 <sup>th</sup> /Aurora N              |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Nelson Cochran, 69               | 10/20/21 | vehicle, unknown                        |
| PED HIT BY CAR                    | Josh Abdon, 39                   | 10/21/21 | Quilcene/HMC                            |
| HYPOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY            | Dwight Aonan, 22                 | 10/21/21 | 10 <sup>th</sup> /Weller camp           |
| PED. HIT BY CAR                   | Christopher LaSalle, 38          | 10/25/21 | NE 80 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> NE |
| PENDING                           | Brianna Metcalf, 23              | 10/26/21 | 122 <sup>nd</sup> /Aurora               |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | William Hames, 59                | 10/26/21 | Ballard Commons                         |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH           | Tyler Raymond, 28                | 10/30/21 | 2021 W Bertona                          |
| HYPOTHERMIA                       | Marie Joly, 51                   | 11/7/21  | unknown                                 |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH           | Alexander Whittall, 28           | 11/7/21  | Renton                                  |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH           | James Sisk, 42                   | 11/12/21 | Federal Way                             |
| OD                                | Richard Koprowski, 55            | 11/13/21 | Goodwill parking lot                    |
| RUN OVER BY TRAIN                 | Kristoffer Nelson, 44            | 11/14/21 | Kent                                    |
| COVID PNEUMONIA                   | Joseph Bretti, 74                | 11/16/21 | Auburn                                  |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT (OFFICER-INVOLVED) | Cody Rebeschke, 33               | 11/16/21 | North Bend                              |
| OD                                | Robert Olsowski, 59              | 11/18/21 | unknown                                 |
| PENDING                           | Ashley Roberto, 33               | 11/19/21 | unknown                                 |
| CEREBRAL INFARCTS/OD              | Son Duong, 61                    | 11/21/21 | Hospital                                |
| HOMICIDE: SHOT TO DEATH           | Anthony Wayne Brown, 51          | 11/22/21 | RV at Occidental/S Forest               |
| NATURAL CAUSES/ HYPOTHERMIA       | Matthew Anahonak, 61             | 11/23/21 | 2nd/Yesler                              |
| HYPOTHERMIA                       | Stevenson Jacques, 65            | 11/23/21 | Kent                                    |
| PED. HIT BY CAR                   | Jaspal Singh, 42                 | 11/24/21 | Renton                                  |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Young Kim, 63                    | 11/26/21 | Federal Way                             |
| OD/PNEUMONIA                      | Amber Heath, 44                  | 11/27/21 | unknown                                 |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Sherry Sanders, 62               | 11/30/21 | unknown                                 |
| OD                                | Christopher Gaitano, 36          | 12/1/21  | Gilman Park                             |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Jose Pena Mojica, 80             | 12/5/21  | unknown                                 |
| PENDING                           | Jason Green, 41                  | 12/10/21 | unknown/HMC                             |
| OD                                | Earl Temple, 55                  | 12/11/21 | 2201 4 <sup>th</sup> S                  |
| PED. HIT BY CAR                   | Holly Chambers, 35               | 12/12/21 | Federal Way                             |
| OD                                | Patrick Yazzie, 58               | 12/14/21 | S Plummer/7 <sup>th</sup> S (vehicle)   |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | Joseph Ezra, 45                  | 12/15/21 | under Strander Bridge                   |
| PED. HIT BY CAR                   | Khampou Sengsavann, 66           | 12/20/21 | Seatac                                  |
| THERMAL BURNS                     | (tentative) Samantha Burnett, 31 | 12/25/21 | Auburn (vehicle)                        |
| NATURAL CAUSES                    | James Eberle, 64                 | 12/27/21 | Seatac (RV)                             |

## **About WHEEL's Women in Black numbers, methodologies and protocols**

In the year 2000, WHEEL (the Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League), a grassroots organizing effort of homeless/formerly homeless women), later joined by Mary's Place, founded Women in Black vigils for homeless people who die in King County. All are welcome to join the vigils—women or men, homeless or housed. The vigils last for an hour and are silent. What you

wear (black clothing or not) does not matter. We've stood vigil for more than 1,400 people to date including some children.

When we began 20 years ago, we prayerfully and deliberately decided to stand *only* for homeless people who died outside, in a public place or by violence, since these deaths should shock our moral conscience, but were—at the time of our vigil's founding—often either ignored or treated with victim-blaming contempt.

Over the years, we've developed good relations with the King County Medical Examiners Office (MEs). We are beyond grateful for their even-handed, collegial, careful and loving work. Nearly two decades ago they agreed—at our request--to track homeless deaths, to study them, and to publish monthly lists of homeless deaths.

The MEs Office monthly lists are presumed-homeless deaths only, and include both indoor *and* outdoor deaths.

Starting in 2020, we became able to cull Women in Black death data from additional sources including deaths of "temporarily housed" people (whom we consider to be homeless) and folks whose housing status was noted to be unknown, when our research indicated a "presumed-homeless" categorization was likely warranted.

Our lists do not exactly match the MEs presumed-homeless death list.

We do the best job we can with available information.

Any mistakes on our Women in Black lists are the responsibility of WHEEL/Women in Black.

**In 2021, there are 183 people on our Women in Black list that we know about so far through mid-December. These are outdoor, public or violent deaths only, of presumed-homeless and temporarily housed people.**

**NOTE: 183 is a far-and-away record-breaking number of outdoor/public/violent homeless/temporarily housed deaths. These include 16 deaths by homicide (one officer-involved), 16 deaths by suicide, 8 hypothermia deaths, 2 hyperthermia deaths, 2 COVID-pneumonia deaths, 17 pedestrians and 1 bicyclist killed by vehicles, and 27 living-in-vehicle-or-RV deaths.**

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