

CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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2019

563 TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER

DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)	349
DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER	116
DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION	98
PERMISSION GIVEN TO VITAL RECORDS FOR CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN	0
POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS	68

SUMMARY TO FOLLOW:

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2019 DEATHS INVESTIGATED & CERTIFIED BY THE CORONER

60 NATURAL

Acute Hemorrhagic Pancreatitis Due To Chronic Alcoholism	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction Due To Coronary Artery Thrombosis	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Alcoholic Cirrhosis of Liver with Ascites Due To Alcohol Dependence Due To Obesity	1
Aortic Dissection	1
Atherosclerotic Coronary Vascular Disease	1
Cardiac Dysrhythmia, Etiology Undetermined	1
Cardiopulmonary Arrest	1
Cardiopulmonary Arrest Due To Congestive Heart Failure Due To Coronary Artery Disease Due To Hyperlipidemia	1
Cardiopulmonary Arrest Due To Hypertension Due To Hyperlipidemia	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest Due To Ventricular Fibrillation Due To Coronary Artery Disease	1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Complications of Prematurity with Chromosomal Abnormality	1
Congestive Heart Failure Due To Aortic Valve Stenosis	1
Congestive Heart Failure Due To Ischemic Heart Disease	1
Congestive Heart Failure Due To Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1
Diabetic Ketoacidosis Due To Diabetes Mellitus	1
Dilated Cardiomyopathy	1
Failure to Thrive Due To Dementia	1
Failure to Thrive Due To Parkinson's Disease	1
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	1
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage Due To Alcoholism	1
Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	1
Ischemic Heart Disease	3

Metastatic Breast Cancer	1
Multi-Organ System Failure Due To Acute Renal Failure Due To Congestive Heart Failure	1
Multiple Pulmonary Emboli	2
Myocardial Failure Complicated By Prostate Cancer And Medical Non-Compliance	1
Myocardial Infarction Complicated By Sleep Apnea	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Anemia	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Atherosclerotic And Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Due To Hypertension	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Focal Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Renal Insufficiency	1
Myocardial Infarction Due To Thrombus In The Left Anterior Descending Coronary Artery	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency Due To Calcific Coronary Artery Disease Due To Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency Due To Calcific Coronary Artery Disease and Left Ventricular Hypertrophy	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency Due To Left Ventricular Cardiac Hypertrophy Due To Coronary Artery Disease Due To Hypertension	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency Due To Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency Due to Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1
Prematurity Due To Spontaneous Abortion	1
Respiratory Failure Due To Aspiration Pneumonia	1
Ruptured Intracranial Aneurysm Due To Polycystic Kidney Disease	1
Ruptured Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Due To Severe Atherosclerosis	1
Subacute Myocardial Infarction Due To Ischemic Heart Disease	1
Sudden Arrhythmic Death due to Acute and Chronic Drug Abuse	1
Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome	1
Sudden Cardiac Death	1
Sudden Cardiac Death Due To Atrial Fibrillation Due To Hypercholesterolemia Due To Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1
Sudden Cardiac Death Due To Coronary Artery Disease	1
Sudden Cardiac Death Due To Hypertension Due To Alcohol Abuse Due To Medical Non-Compliance	1

Sudden Cardiac Death Due To Hypertension Due To Medical Non-Compliance	1
Undetermined	1
Vocal Cord Carcinoma Due To Hypertension Due To Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1

37 ACCIDENT

Acute Ethanol Intoxication	1
Acute Intoxication by the Combined Effects of Fentanyl and Morphine	1
Acute Intoxication By The Combined Effects Of Fentanyl, Heroin, Methamphetamine, And Ethanol	1
Acute Respiratory Failure Due To Left Hip Fracture Due To Fall From Chair	1
Acute Respiratory Failure Due To Profound Blood Loss Anemia Due To Bleeding from Humeral Neck Fracture Site Due To Fall	1
Asphyxia Due To Airway Obstruction Due To Poorly Masticated Meat	1
Asphyxia Due To Mechanical Compression Due To Farm Tractor Accident	1
Blunt Head and Neck Trauma Due To Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Due To Home Heating System Malfunction	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest Due To Probable Pulmonary Embolism Due To Right Hip Fracture Due To Fall	1
Combined Effects of Bronchopneumonia And Adverse Effects of Drugs	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects Of Amphetamines, Fentanyl, And Morphine	2
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Ethanol, Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Opiates (Oxycodone and Oxymorphone)	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Oxycodone	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl, Opiates, and Cocaine	1
Combined Pharmacological Effects Of Fentanyl And Morphine	2
Drowning	1
Fentanyl Toxicity	1
Heroin and Fentanyl Toxicity	1
Inhalation of Products of Combustion Due To Structure Fire	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries Due To Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries Due To Motorcycle Accident	2
Multiple Traumatic Injuries Due To Motorcycle Collision Into Tree	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries Due To Pedestrian Struck by Motor Vehicle	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Buprenorphine	1

Pharmacologic Effects of Cocaine	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl	4
Pharmacologic Effects of Morphine Complicated by Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease and Emphysema	1
Pneumonia Due To Immobility Due To Left Femur Fracture Due To Fall	1
Right Hip Fracture Due To Osteoporosis Due To Aging	1
Sepsis And Anemia With Severe Hypotension Due To Perforated Transverse Colon With Shock Due To Status Post Colonoscopy	1

18 SUICIDE

Asphyxia Due To Hanging	2
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	2
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Morphine, Oxymorphone, Oxycodone, and Methadone	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Quetiapine, Fluoxetine, and Hydrocodone	1
Gunshot Wound Of Head	2
Gunshot Wound To The Head	5
Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound To The Head	4
Self-Inflicted Shotgun Wound To The Head	1

1 HOMICIDE

Multiple Traumatic Injuries Due To Physical Assault	1
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0 PENDING

Pending Investigation	0
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