

CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER **534**

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE
DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)** **335**

DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER **107**

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED
TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION** **91**

HOSPICE DEATH NOTIFICATIONS **1**

**PERMISSION GIVEN TO VITAL RECORDS FOR
CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN** **0**

POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS **67**

SUMMARY TO FOLLOW:

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2018 DEATHS INVESTIGATED & CERTIFIED BY THE CORONER

50 NATURAL

ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION DUE TO ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, 1

ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION DUE TO CORONARY ARTERY THROMBOSIS, 1

ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION DUE TO THROMBOSIS OF LEFT MAIN CORONARY ARTERY, 1

ADULT FAILURE TO THRIVE DUE TO DEMENTIA, 1

ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, 1

ATHEROSCLEROTIC CORONARY VASCULAR DISEASE, 1

CARDIAC ARREST DUE TO CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE, 1

CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA DUE TO HYPERTENSION, 1

CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA DUE TO LEFT VENTRICULAR CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY, 1

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY ARREST DUE TO ATRIAL FIBRILLATION DUE TO CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE DUE TO HYPERTENSION, 1

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY FAILURE DUE TO SEVERE CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE DUE TO CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, 1

CARDIORESPIRATORY ARREST DUE TO HYPERTENSION DUE TO CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, 1

CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE, 1

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE DUE TO TOBACCO USE, 1

CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE DUE TO HYPERTENSION DUE TO HYPERLIPIDEMIA, 1

CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER DUE TO ALCOHOL ABUSE, 1

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE DUE TO DOWN SYNDROME, 1

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, 1

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE DUE TO ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE, 1

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE DUE TO HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA, 1

DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY, 2

END STAGE DEMENTIA, 1

END STAGE LIVER DISEASE, 1

ISCHEMIC MYOCARDIAL DISEASE, 1

LUNG CANCER, 1

MULTIPLE PULMONARY EMBOLI, 2
MYOCARDIAL CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIA DUE TO CARDIAC ISCHEMIC DISEASE AND LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY, 1
MYOCARDIAL DYSRHYTHMIA DUE TO HYPOXIA DUE TO PULMONARY EDEMA, 1
MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION DUE TO CARDIOMYOPATHY DUE TO HYPERTENSION DUE TO DIABETES MELLITUS, 1
MYOCARDIAL INSUFFICIENCY DUE TO CORONARY ARTERY ATHEROSCLEROSIS, 1
MYOCARDIAL INSUFFICIENCY DUE TO SEVERE CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, 1
MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA DUE TO SEVERE CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, 1
MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA DUE TO SMALL VESSEL INTRAMYOCARDIAL ARTERIOSCLEROSIS, MYOCARDIAL HYPERTROPHY AND PULMONARY EDEMA, 1
MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIC DISEASE DUE TO CALCIFIC CORONARY ARTERY ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY, 1
MYOCARDIAL VASCULAR INSUFFICIENCY DUE TO CALCIFIC CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE DUE TO LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERMYOPATHY, 1
PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS TYPE 4, 1
PRESUMED MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION DUE TO ALCOHOL USE DUE TO MEDICAL NONCOMPLIANCE, 1
PROBABLE CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA DUE TO CORONARY ARTERIOSCLEROSIS DUE TO ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, 1
PROBABLE MYOCARDIAL INSUFFICIENCY, 1
PULMONARY THROMBO-EMBOLI, 1
RESPIRATORY FAILURE DUE TO CEREBRAL PALSY, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH DUE TO ATRIAL FIBRILLATION COMPLICATED BY EMBOLI/THROMBUS OF LOWER LEFT EXTREMITY, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH DUE TO HYPERLIPIDEMIA DUE TO HYPERTENSION DUE TO CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE STAGE III, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH DUE TO HYPERTENSION DUE TO HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA DUE TO DIABETES MELLITUS, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH DUE TO MEDICAL NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO TOBACCO USE, 1
SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH DUE TO ATHEROSCLEROTIC CORONARY VASCULAR DISEASE, 1
VASCULAR MYOCARDIAL INSUFFICIENCY DUE TO SEVERE CALCIFIC CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, 1

33 ACCIDENT

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF DRUGS, 2
ANOXIA DUE TO COMBUSTION DUE TO CONCURRENT USE OF CIGARETTE SMOKING AND OXYGEN THERAPY, 1
CARDIO-PULMONARY ARREST DUE TO HIP FRACTURE DUE TO FALL, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF AMPHETAMINES AND FENTANYL, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF DIPHENHYDRAMINE, FENTANYL, CITALOPRAM, AND MORPHINE, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL AND ALPRAZOLAM, 1

COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL AND COCAINE, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, COCAINE, MORPHINE,
TRAMADOL, AND BENZODIAZEPINES, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, DIPHENHYDRAMINE,
MORPHINE AND COCAINE, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL AND MORPHINE, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, OPIATES, AND
BENZODIAZEPINES, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF GABAPENTIN, BENZODIAZEPINES, AND
BUPRENORPHINE, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF GABAPENTIN, QUETIAPINE,
BENZODIAZEPINES, SERTRALINE, AND BARBITURATES, 1
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF TRAZODONE, DIPHENHYDRAMINE,
GABAPENTIN, OXYCODONE, AND BENZODIAZEPINES, 1
DROWNING, 2
HYPOTHERMIA, 1
HYPOTHERMIA DUE TO FALL OUTDOORS IN FREEZING TEMPERATURES, 1
MASSIVE HEAD AND CHEST TRAUMA DUE TO FARM TRACTOR ACCIDENT, 1
MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC INJURIES DUE TO ATV ACCIDENT, 2
MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC INJURIES DUE TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, 4
MULTIPLE TRAUMATIC INJURIES DUE TO PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY MOTOR VEHICLE, 1
PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF COCAINE, 1
PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, 1
PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, MORPHINE, BUPRENORPHINE, AND
BENZODIAZEPINES, 1
PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF OXYCODONE, 1
RESPIRATORY FAILURE DUE TO SEPSIS FROM PNEUMONIA DUE TO IMMOBILITY FROM
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY DUE TO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT, 1
SUBDURAL HEMATOMA DUE TO FALL DOWN STAIRS, 1

18 SUICIDE

ASPHYXIA DUE TO HANGING, 3
COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF SERTRALINE, AMITRIPTYLINE,
DIPHENHYDRAMINE, FENTANYL, AND LORAZEPAM, 1
PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF FENTANYL, 1
DROWNING DUE TO COMBINED PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECTS OF DIPHENHYDRAMINE,
ALCOHOL, CARISOPRODOL, AND BENZODIAZEPINES, 1
SELF-INFILCTED GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD, 8
SELF-INFILCTED SHOTGUN WOUND TO THE HEAD, 3
SHOTGUN WOUND TO THE HEAD, 1

5 HOMICIDE

GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD, 1
GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE NECK, 1
MULTIPLE SHOTGUN WOUNDS (2), 2
MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD, 1

0 PENDING INVESTIGATION

1 COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

PERFORATION OF THE GASTRIC WALL AND SEVERE ACUTE PERITONITIS, 1