

CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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2020

611 TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE
DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)** **404**

DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER **88**

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED
TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION** **119**

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

POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS **40**

SUMMARY TO FOLLOW:

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2020 DEATHS INVESTIGATED & CERTIFIED BY THE CORONER

43 NATURAL

Acute Myocardial Infarction Complicated by Morbid Obesity, Sleep Apnea, and High Level of Sertraline	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction Complicated by Uncontrolled Hypertension	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1
Anoxic Brain Injury due to Cardiorespiratory Arrest due to Ventricular Fibrillation due to Cardiac Disease	1
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	4
Carcinoma of the Lung	1
Cardiac Dysrhythmia due to Severe Pulmonary Emphysema, Coronary Artery Disease, and Pulmonary Edema Complicated by the Combined Effects of Tramadol and Cyclobenzaprine	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest due to Chronic Alcoholism	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest due to Hypertension	1
Cardiorespiratory Arrest due to Hypertension due to Coronary Artery Disease due to Obesity and Sleep Apnea	1
Cardiovascular Disease	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Coronary Artery Disease due to Atrial Fibrillation due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Reduced Mobility due to Right Hip Fracture due to Fall	1
End Stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease complicated by Pneumonia due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Failure to Thrive due to Ascites due to Liver Failure due to Chronic Alcoholism	1
Failure to Thrive due to Major Neurocognitive Disorder	1

Heart Failure due to Metabolic Syndrome, Polycystic Renal Disease, and Morbid Obesity	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Head, Face, and Neck	1
Metastatic Lung Cancer	1
Multiple Myeloma due to Severe Ischemic Cardiomyopathy due to Congestive Heart Failure due to Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	1
Multiple Pulmonary Emboli	1
Multisystem Organ Failure due to Combined Effects of Sepsis due to Severe Dermatitis/Vaginitis, Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease, and Aspiration	1
Myocardial Failure	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Heart Failure	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Hypertension due to Hypercholesterolemia due to Chronic Alcohol Use	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Pancytopenia due to Myelodysplastic Syndrome due to Exposure to Agent Orange Resulting from Military Service	1
Pulmonary Embolism due to Colonic (Cecal) Carcinoma	1
Pneumonia	1
Ruptured Berry Aneurysm	1
Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome	1
Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome and Combined Effects of Cigarette Smoking and Chronic Alcoholism	1
Sudden Cardiac Arrhythmic Death Complicated by Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1
Sudden Cardiac Death	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Hypertension due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Hypertension due to Hyperlipidemia	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Hypertension due to Peripheral Vascular Disease due to Diabetes Mellitus	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Medical Non-Compliance	1
Ulcerative Perianal Carcinoma	1

30 ACCIDENT

Anoxic Brain Injury due to Cardiac Arrest due to Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl	1
Asphyxia due to Hanging	1
Blunt Chest Trauma due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Blunt Force Head Trauma due to Struck by Tree due to Tree Cutting Accident	1
Blunt Head Trauma due to Tree Fell on Moving Vehicle	1
Combined Effects of Burning and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning due to Car Fire due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Alcohol and Oxycodone	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Alprazolam and Methadone	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Amphetamines	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Morphine (Heroin)	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Gabapentin	1
Drowning	1
Fentanyl and Methamphetamine Toxicity	1
Hypothermia complicated by Chronic and Acute Alcohol Abuse	1
Hypoxia due to Aspiration of Food	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to ATV Accident	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to Motorcycle Accident	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Accident	3
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Collision	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Difluoroethane due to Huffing	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl	4
Pharmacologic Effects of Gabapentin and Quetiapine	1
Pharmacologic Effects of Hydromorphone	1
Respiratory Failure due to Debility and Dysphagia due to Falls with Multiple Rib Fractures	1
Subdural Hematoma due to Fall due to Atrial Fibrillation due to Prior Cerebrovascular Accident	1

11 SUICIDE

Asphyxia due to Hanging	3
Gunshot Wound to the Head	8

0 HOMICIDE

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0 PENDING INVESTIGATION

Pending Investigation	0
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2 COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

Pharmacologic Effects of Diphenhydramine	1
Sudden Unexplained Infant Death While Co-Sleeping	1

NOTE: On 03/06/2020 and 04/03/2020, skeletal remains were identified. The 03/06/2020 case was determined to be archaeological in nature, not forensic. The 04/03/2020 case remains under investigation.