

CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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2021

786 TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE
DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)** **477**

DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER **109**

**DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED
TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION** **200**

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

POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS **54**

SUMMARY TO FOLLOW:

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2021 DEATHS INVESTIGATED & CERTIFIED BY THE CORONER

66 NATURAL

Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Coronary Artery Thrombosis	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Diabetes Mellitus due to Hypertension	1
Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Hypertension due to Chronic Kidney Disease due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	2
Bradycardia due to Multiple Myeloma	1
Cardiac Arrhythmia due to Myocardial Scarring and Fibrosis	1
Cardiac Dysrhythmia due to Intramyocardial Vascular Disease due to Coronary Artery Atherosclerosis with Inflammation due to Left Ventricular Hypertrophy and Congestive Heart Failure	1
Cardiac Tamponade due to Dissecting Aorta due to Hypertension	1
Cardiopulmonary Arrest due to COVID-19	1
Cardiopulmonary Arrest due to Hypertension	2
Cerebrovascular Accident due to Peripheral Artery Disease	1
Cerebrovascular Disease complicated by Hypertension and Hyperlipidemia	1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Complicated by Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease due to Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease due to Tobacco Abuse due to Alcohol Abuse	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver due to Alcohol Abuse	1
Complications of Diabetes Mellitus	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Atrial Fibrillation due to Chronic Kidney Disease	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Cardiomyopathy and Pulmonary Hypertension	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Combined Effects of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Calcified Coronary Artery Disease	1
Congestive Heart Failure due to Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Coronary Artery Disease due to Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease due to Coronary Stenosis due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II	1
Coronary Artery Disease due to Congestive Heart Failure due to Hypertension due to Obstructive Sleep Apnea	1
Coronary Artery Disease due to Hypertension due to Hyperlipidemia	1
Covid-19	1
Epilepsy	1
Failure to Thrive due to Cerebrovascular Accident due to Atrial Fibrillation	1
Failure to Thrive due to Congestive Heart Failure due to Hypertension due to Diabetes Mellitus	1
Failure to Thrive due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Heart Failure	1
Heart Failure Complicated by Hypertension and Hyperlipidemia	1
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease due to Parkinson's Disease	1
Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	2

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Lung Cancer, Stage IV	1
Multiple Pulmonary Emboli due to Prostate Cancer	1
Multisystem Organ Failure due to Failure to Thrive due to Psychogenic Death	1
Myocardial Infarction	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Calcific Coronary Artery Disease, Myocardial Hypertrophy, and Severe Steatosis due to Metabolic Syndrome	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Coronary Artery Disease due to Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	1
Myocardial Insufficiency due to Hypertension due to Tobacco Use	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency	2
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Coronary Artery Thrombosis due to Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Hypertension	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Severe Calcific Coronary Artery Disease due to Metabolic Syndrome	1
Myocardial Vascular Insufficiency due to Severe Coronary Artery Disease	1
Pericardial Tamponade due to Ruptured Left Ventricle due to Myocardial Infarction	1
Probable Myocardial Infarction due to Diabetes Mellitus Type II due to Hypertension due to Hypercholesterolemia	1
Respiratory Arrest due to End Stage Rheumatoid Arthritis Lung Disease due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	1
Respiratory Failure due to Cardiac Insufficiency due to Coronary Artery Disease	1

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Respiratory Failure due to COVID-19	1
Ruptured Berry Aneurysm	1
Sudden Cardiac Death	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Congestive Heart Failure	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Coronary Artery Disease	1
Sudden Cardiac Death due to Hypertension due to Diabetes Mellitus	1
Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	1

30 ACCIDENT

Asphyxia due to Hanging	1
Blunt Head and Neck Trauma due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Body Burning due to Vehicle Fire due to Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Alcohol, Cocaine, Oxycodone, and Hydrocodone	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Cocaine	2
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Morphine (Heroin)	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl and Opiates	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Heroin and Fentanyl	1
Combined Pharmacologic Effects of Heroin, Fentanyl, and Methamphetamine	1
Combined Toxic Effects of Ethanol, Fentanyl, Heroin, and Mitragynine	1
Coronary Artery Thrombosis due to Pharmacologic Effects of Cocaine	1
Drowning	1
Fentanyl Toxicity	2
Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease complicated by Inhalation of Products of Combustion and Thermal Injuries	1
Methamphetamine Toxicity	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to ATV Accident	3
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to Fall from Tree	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Accident	4
Pharmacologic Effects of Fentanyl	3
Subdural Hematoma due to Blunt Head Trauma	1
Toxicity due to Combined Effects of Diphenhydramine and Ethanol	1

10 SUICIDE

Exsanguination due to Multiple Cutting Wounds	1
Gunshot Wound to the Head	9

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3 HOMICIDE

Cardiopulmonary Arrest due to Physical Altercation	1
Sharp Force Injuries	1
*Inconclusive due to Span of Years Between Death and Discovery	1
Complicated by Advanced Decomposition to Skeletal Remains	

0 PENDING

Pending Investigation	0
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0 COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

Could Not Be Determined	0
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*In 2020, skeletal remains discovered on 04/03/2020 were referenced in the annual report. In 2021, a positive identification, cause, and manner of death was made and therefore this death is included in the 2021 annual report.