

# CORONER OF WAYNE COUNTY

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**2018**

<b>TOTAL CASES REFERRED TO CORONER</b>	<b>534</b>
<b>DEATHS INVESTIGATED FOR IRREVERSIBLE DISPOSITION (CREMATION/DONATION)</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>DEATHS INVESTIGATED AND CERTIFIED BY CORONER</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>DEATHS INVESTIGATED BY CORONER AND RELEASED TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>HOSPICE DEATH NOTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERMISSION GIVEN TO VITAL RECORDS FOR CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS</b>	<b>67</b>

**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-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD, 8  
SELF-INFLICTED 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**