

Preventable Tragedies

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Number of Casualties: 57

This is a *partial* list of people who have been killed or injured due to the City Council's refusal to get all homeless people into safe indoor shelters and treatment. They can do it, but they have chosen not to.

Dedicated to the memory of Kirstyn Outen



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Date	Victim Name (bold = death)	Description
September 13, 2013	Troy Wolff , Kristin Ito	<p>A professor at Shoreline Community College was killed and his partner was injured in downtown Seattle when a homeless and mentally ill man attacked them as they left a soccer game.</p> <p>http://news.shoreline.edu/2013/09/14/faculty-member-troy-wolff-dies-in-seattle-stabbing</p>
March 15, 2014	John Doe	<p>A homeless man was beaten in Occidental Park by three off-duty firefighters who were mad at him for sleeping on the firefighter memorial.</p> <p>http://crosscut.com/2014/03/pioneer-square-homeless-beating-firefighter/</p>
May, 2014	Seven Jane Does	<p>Laughn Elliott Doescher (aka “the King of Aurora”) let women crash inside the RV he lived out of in North Seattle. When the women were fast asleep, or unconscious from a drug high, he sexually assaulted them and filmed the sex acts</p> <p>http://komonews.com/news/local/man-sentenced-to-just-over-nine-years-for-sex-attacks-off-aurora</p>
September 5, 2015	John Doe	<p>A man living in a tent next to I-5 in downtown Seattle fell into traffic and was killed.</p>

		https://www.thestranger.com/seattle/a-man-died-falling-from-this-homeless-encampment/Content?oid=20608311
October 9, 2015	Damon Brown	<p>46-year-old Damon Brown and 22-year-old Nathan Wilson both lived at the notorious Field of Dreams homeless camp on the northern edge of downtown Seattle. According to a witness, Wilson claimed Brown had stolen several thousand dollars from him and was hiding it in his tent. Wilson and the witness located Brown at a bus stop near the camp, where Wilson shot him. Wilson is connected to another shooting at the same camp several months later (see Jane Doe, July 3, 2016).</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/homeless-man-already-in-custody-charged-with-murder/</p>
November 19, 2015	Ann Zachariasen	<p>A homeless woman's body was found in a shopping cart near the Ballard Bridge. Foul play is suspected.</p> <p>http://www.kiro7.com/news/police-start-murder-investigation-after-woman-foun/19102865</p>
January 26, 2016	Five Jane and John Does	<p>Five people were shot - two killed - at the Jungle homeless camp in a drug turf war.</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/tag/jungle-shooting/</p>
February 11, 2016	John Doe and Jane Doe	<p>This couple was burned in a fire at an RV camp in Seattle's Interbay district. One was critically injured.</p> <p>http://www.myballard.com/2016/02/11/resident-in-</p>

		critical-condition-after-rv-fire-at-temporary-interbay-camp/
April 7, 2016	Fred Nesbitt	<p>87-year-old Fred Nesbitt of Ballard died from complications after he was attacked by a homeless man at a grocery store.</p> <p>http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/police-shopping-cart-assault-leads-to-elderly-ballard-mans-death/253830273</p>
July 3, 2016	Jane Doe	<p>A woman was shot in the abdomen at her homeless camp in the filthy “Field of Dreams” homeless encampment at Royal Brougham and Airport Way in the SODO district.</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/woman-shot-in-sodo-homeless-encampment-man-sought/</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/homeless-man-already-in-custody-charged-with-murder/</p>
October 20, 2016	Three children - ages 6, 3, and 1	<p>Three filthy and neglected children were found alone in a homeless camp under the West Seattle bridge by women from a neighborhood group. The only adults nearby, who were not their parents, were intoxicated on methamphetamine.</p> <p>http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/3-children-found-in-seattle-homeless-encampment/459249381</p>
November 12, 2016	Walter Burton	<p>A homeless man camping on an I-5 exit ramp near the University of Washington was killed when a car careened</p>

		<p>off the road and ran over his tent.</p> <p>http://www.king5.com/article/news/local/homeless-neighbors-mourn-man-killed-in-tent-along-i-5/281-317144985</p>
August 30, 2016	Baby Jane Doe	<p>A neglected 2-year-old toddler was found eating off ground at Seattle homeless encampment near Safeco Field.</p> <p>http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/toddler-found-eating-off-ground-at-seattle-homeless-encampment/433055375</p>
January 1, 2017	John Doe	<p>A body was recovered from the scene of an RV fire beneath the Spokane Street Viaduct</p> <p>http://komonews.com/news/local/deadly-fire-beneath-west-seattle-bridge-leaves-1-dead</p>
February 25, 2017	Jane Doe (age 13), Jane Doe (age 16)	<p>Two men were charged with rape and human trafficking in connection with the Triangle homeless camp downtown. It was several more months before the camp was shut down.</p> <p>http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/2-arrested-in-homeless-camp-child-rape-cases-10959891.php</p>
March 5, 2017	Kelly Herron	<p>A female jogger was attacked at Golden Gardens by a homeless Level 3 sex offender.</p> <p>http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/survivor-of-golden-gardens-attack-shares-her-story/500950165</p>

March 22, 2017	Tim Ptak	<p>A homeless man attacked a Seattle restaurant owner who discovered him lurking on the property at a West Seattle marina.</p> <p>http://mynorthwest.com/582514/ron-and-don-local-business-owner-assaulted-by-homeless-burglar</p>
March 23, 2017	Jackie Harris	<p>A female bicyclist was attacked by homeless man on a West Seattle trail.</p> <p>http://q13fox.com/2017/03/25/cyclists-ask-city-for-help-after-woman-attacked-near-west-seattle-trail/</p>
April 28, 2017	Kirstyn Outen	<p>A Ballard woman living in an RV was beaten and stabbed to death by her abusive, drug-addicted boyfriend. Neighbors who knew the couple had asked the City to intervene, but they were told the situation was “complicated.”</p> <p>http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/Charge-Woman-slain-in-Ballard-was-threatened-by-11118924.php</p>
June 5, 2017	Dillon Graham	<p>24-year-old Dillon Graham was living in a greenbelt off Myers Way in southwest Seattle when he was beaten to death with a baseball bat by another man who lived there.</p> <p>http://westseattleblog.com/2017/06/followup-suspect-charged-with-murder-in-beating-death-at-encampment/</p>
June 7, 2017	John Doe	<p>A homeless 55-year-old man was struck and killed while riding a bicycle to his encampment near the Interstate 5 ramp to Interstate 90.</p>

		http://komonews.com/news/local/man-struck-and-killed-on-i-5-ramp-to-i-90-in-seattle
June 24, 2017	Andrew Pimentel	<p>An off-duty police officer was stabbed to death by a homeless man in an unprovoked attack at a drive-in restaurant in Queen Anne.</p> <p>https://patch.com/washington/seattle/queen-anne-murder-victim-stabbed-while-eating-hamburger-report</p>
August 8, 2017	John Doe	<p>A 40-year-old man was stabbed and seriously injured by a mentally ill and chronically homeless person in West Seattle.</p> <p>http://westseattleblog.com/2017/08/2-people-stabbed-in-gatewood/</p>
August 22, 2017	Anthony Moss	<p>31-year-old Moss, a homeless man, was shot to death in a dispute with one of his neighbors at a SODO homeless camp.</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/man-charged-in-deadly-shooting-at-sodo-homeless-camp/</p>
September 10, 2017	Jane Doe	<p>A man raped and severely beat a woman at a homeless camp on Eastlake and Aloha near I-5.</p> <p>http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/Charge-Man-raped-beat-woman-at-homeless-camp-12219040.php</p>

September 13, 2017	Jane Doe	<p>A homeless woman died from injuries after being attacked at an International District homeless camp. Attacks by and against homeless people are common in this area.</p> <p>http://komonews.com/news/local/woman-critically-injured-in-assault-near-i-5-jungle-in-seattle</p>
October 9, 2017	Sarah and Luke Hanson	<p>A homeless and mentally ill woman wielding a butcher knife stabbed a mother who was pushing her baby in a stroller along a West Seattle street. The woman had been living on park grounds near a local high school for over a year and had been reported to the City several times. The City did nothing.</p> <p>http://q13fox.com/2017/10/13/cops-woman-uses-butcher-knife-in-random-attack-on-west-seattle-mother-baby/</p> <p>http://komonews.com/news/local/mother-attacked-stabbed-in-west-seattle</p>
November 17, 2017	Kasey Busch	<p>A homeless man named Christopher Burrus doused another homeless man with gasoline and put a match to him, burning him severely. Burrus is still at large.</p> <p>http://q13fox.com/2017/11/21/the-pain-is-horrific-mom-of-man-set-afire-in-seattle-asks-for-publics-help-to-find-suspect/</p>
November 19, 2017	Robert Kiffe	<p>A Seattle police officer found Mr. Kiffe dead at an office park. County medical examiners said that he died from hypothermia. Why wasn't this man indoors?</p>

		https://www.adn.com/nation-world/2017/12/31/deaths-rise-in-growing-homelessness-crisis-in-seattle-area/
December 25, 2017	Jane Doe	<p>A homeless, psychotic woman with several felonies on her record broke into the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and slashed the throat of a resident who was preparing Christmas dinner.</p> <p>https://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/Charges-Woman-s-throat-slashed-by-intruder-while-10835593.php</p>
January 4, 2018	Jane Doe	<p>A homeless woman was assaulted three times over three days by men who were also homeless and were staying overnight (illegally) in a building on campus.</p> <p>http://police.uw.edu/010418_sexualassaults/</p>
January 29, 2018	John Doe and Jane Doe	<p>There was a tent fire on Highway 520 at the Montlake exit. Two people were burned and 520 was blocked, making it difficult for emergency responders to get through.</p> <p>http://komonews.com/news/local/two-burned-in-tent-fire-along-520</p>
February 18, 2018	Enkhtaivan Zagdsuren	<p>A 66-year-old man visiting or returning to a homeless camp was struck and killed by a car as he crossed I-5.</p> <p>https://patch.com/washington/seattle/pedestrian-66-dies-i-5-collision-seattle</p>
May 16, 2018	Jane Doe	<p>A Ballard woman was raped by a homeless man named Christopher Teel in the bathroom of a car dealership. Teel had an outstanding warrant from Seattle Municipal Court,</p>

but no warrant check had been performed on him when he entered the Ballard Nickelsville homeless camp where he'd been staying.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/just-sickening-man-accused-of-raping-a-woman-in-restroom-of-ballard-car-dealership/>

July 7, 2018

Bevin Armstrong

Bevin Armstrong moved to Seattle sometime in 2014. She likely had a drug problem when she arrived, but it became worse here, and within a few months, she left her apartment and moved in with a chronically homeless man named Richard Recktenwald, who lives in his van on the streets of Ballard. Over the next four years, Armstrong was sent to the hospital numerous times for overdoses. She had contact with police and health care workers who knew she was sick and at risk, but due to a combination of Recktenwald's neglect and Seattle's hands-off policy on homeless people like Recktenwald, she was left in a vulnerable position. Her cause of death has not been officially released, but long-term neglect was surely a factor. She was 33.



<https://www.facebook.com/safeseattle.org/photos/a.130409483994628/633429087025996/>

		<p>https://www.seattlepi.com/local/obits/article/King-County-deaths-07-12-2018-13072689.php</p>
July 11, 2018	John Doe	<p>A homeless man was struck and killed by a dump truck as he was crossing the freeway to get to or from his encampment near the I-5 ramp at Seneca Street in downtown Seattle.</p> <p>https://komonews.com/news/local/pedestrian-stgruck-by-dump-truck-killed-on-i-5-in-downtown-seattle</p>
August 11, 2018	John Doe	<p>The body of a 55-year-old homeless man was found at a “jungle camp” near I-5 at College Street in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle. The victim was apparently beaten to death, likely by another homeless person. The SPD blotter story on this obscures the fact that the crime happened to a homeless person at a homeless camp.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/safeseattle.org/photos/a.130409483994628/674238879611683/?type=3&theater</p> <p>http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2018/08/14/homicide-detectives-investigating-after-man-found-dead-in-encampment-near-i-5-and-college-street/</p>
September 1, 2018	Glenn Daniels	<p>Daniels was living at a pop-up homeless camp on 10th and Dearborn (site of the former Nickelsville city-sanctioned homeless camp) when he was stabbed during a quarrel with another homeless man he’d invited into his tent.</p>

		https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/seattle-man-charged-with-first-degree-murder-for-alleged-robbery-knife-attack-on-a-homeless-man/
September 20, 2018	Nicholas Yelle	<p>37-year-old Yelle was found bleeding to death from a stab wound after a fight broke out between him and another man at a homeless camp at 6th and James in downtown Seattle. The camp had been removed and the area fenced off, but campers came back and set up tents within the fenced area.</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/man-found-bleeding-by-seattle-police-died-from-stab-wound-to-the-chest/</p> <p>Here's a video of the area:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFgDOTPKvkA</p>
September 21, 2018	Leslie Shelton	<p>Shelton was walking her dog in front of her pet food business in Seattle's SODO neighborhood when three large dogs emerged from an RV camping in the area and mauled her and her dog. Shelton's finger had to be surgically reconstructed. RV campers have been an ongoing problem all over Seattle, but particularly in this area. Seattle authorities have been very slow to ticket or tow these campers. They usually wait for several months and "sweep" an entire block at one time, but the campers return within a matter of days or weeks, with no penalty to them. Note: Ms. Shelton is known to the author.</p> <p>https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/sodo-woman-attacked-by-dogs-from-homeless-woman-s-rv/839057955</p>



This list is long and growing, until Seattle does the right thing and gets homeless people indoors, we must hold our politicians accountable for these Preventable Tragedies.

More information on the City Council's failures to address the homelessness crisis at these locations:

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