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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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**Pedestrian deceased after being struck by passing train in Cashmere**

A tragedy in the community as a local woman in Cashmere passes away after being hit by a passing BNSF train.

On 08/24/2023, at approximately 1155 hours, Rivercom advised and dispatched Chelan County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputies that a person was struck by a passing Burlington Northern San Francisco (BNSF) Railroad train near Division Street and Mission Avenue in Cashmere, WA. The reporting party, an BNSF employee, advised the train had struck a person who was standing on the train tracks just east of the train crossing. Sadly, the person struck by the train did not survive the collision.

Through their investigation, CCSO Detectives, were able to identify the deceased as Melinda I Smith, a 31-year-old woman from Cashmere. Detectives and the County Coroner were able to notify her next of kin today 8/25/2023.

CCSO offers our deepest condolences to the family and to the community.

The investigation into this collision remains ongoing and there is no further information to report.

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