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**To:** [Fogle, Brenda CTR \(NHTSA\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: VOQ 11113398  
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**From:** Quandt, Jeff (NHTSA)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 5:34 PM

**Subject:** VOQ 11113398

Please add the attached pdf file to VOQ 11113398. I have also attached the actual email.

Thanks,  
Jeff



**Jeffrey Quandt**  
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## Quandt, Jeff (NHTSA)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 4:42 PM  
**To:** Quandt, Jeff (NHTSA)  
**Subject:** Re: VOQ 11113398  
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Dear Mr. Quandt,

Thank you for your quick response to the complaint I filed on Tuesday, July 24th regarding my father's death.

Pursuant to your request, I am attaching a copy of the police report.

I do want to note one correction regarding the report: My father's next door neighbor did go to the hospital after the EMT picked up a reading of 40 in her residence. (Noted in the police report.) I believe I indicated that no medical attention was required.

Again, thank you. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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**From:** "Jeff Quandt (NHTSA)" <Jeff.Quandt@dot.gov>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:10:11 AM  
**Subject:** VOQ 11113398

Good morning [REDACTED]

I would like to speak with you about the complaint you submitted to NHTSA yesterday regarding the death of your father. I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Please let me know if there is a convenient time today for me to call you.

Thank you,  
Jeff Quandt



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# Baker County Sheriff's Office

Travis Ash, Sheriff

## Incident Report: [REDACTED]

Current As Of: 5/24/2018 11:37:56 AM

Offense: **DEATH**

Reported 9/6/2017 Rcvd 10:25 AM Dispatcher: 54140  
Department 9/5/2017 Disp 8:30 PM Officer: 39099  
End 9/6/2017 Clrd 10:25 AM LOHNER, Jay

Location: [REDACTED]  
Police Blotter Summary City/State:

Baker City Apt: Grid: 104

Incident Summary Dispatch received a request for an officer. Detective Lohner and Sgt Chastain responded and cleared with a report.

### People Involved:

| Involvement | Name / Address                                   | Sex / Race<br>Phone/<br>Cell Phone | DOB/ AGE   | Citation/Charge/Offense<br>Caution | Date<br>Officer    |
|-------------|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Involved    | [REDACTED]                                       | F W                                | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017           |
| Involved    | GRAYS WEST & CO,<br>[REDACTED]<br>Baker City, OR | [REDACTED]                         | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017<br>LOHNER |
| Mentioned   | [REDACTED]<br>Baker City, OR                     | F                                  | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017<br>LOHNER |
| Mentioned   | [REDACTED]<br>Baker City, OR                     | M W                                | 9/22/1945  | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017<br>LOHNER |
| Involved    | [REDACTED]                                       | M W                                | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017           |
| Involved    | [REDACTED]                                       | F W                                | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017           |
| Mentioned   | [REDACTED]                                       | F W                                | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         | 9/6/2017           |

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Incident: [REDACTED]

# Incident Report: [REDACTED]

Current As Of: 5/24/2018 11:37:56 AM

Victim [REDACTED] M W [REDACTED] 9/6/2017

**Property Involved:**

| File#      | Property Type | Description  | Loss / Recovered Amt. | Date Recver |
|------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| [REDACTED] | 290           | [REDACTED] Photo CD-of deceased and residence                          |                       |             |
| [REDACTED] | 367           | [REDACTED] Miscellaneous prescription medications weighing 182.4 grams |                       |             |

Totals -->

# Incident Report: [REDACTED]

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## Continuation Report *Officer:* LOHNER, Jay

### Summary

Primary report

### Mentioned

[REDACTED] - INVOLVED

GRAYS WEST & CO, - INVOLVED

[REDACTED] Baker City OR [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Cell Phone:

DOB: Employer: Emp Phone:

[REDACTED] - MENTIONED

[REDACTED] - MENTIONED

[REDACTED] - INVOLVED

[REDACTED] - INVOLVED

[REDACTED] - MENTIONED

*Officer:* LOHNER

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*Incident:* [REDACTED]

# Incident Report: [REDACTED]

Current As Of:

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM

## Action Taken

Det. Jay Lohner  
September 6, 2017  
Death

## SUMMARY:

Between 09/05/17 at approximately 2030 hrs and 09/06/17 at approximately 1025 hrs [REDACTED] died of apparent accidental carbon monoxide poisoning at his residence of [REDACTED] Baker City, OR.

## NARRATIVE:

On 09/06/17 at 1029 hrs BCPD Sgt. Chastain and I were dispatched to [REDACTED] in response to a death involving a running vehicle in the garage. Sgt. Chastain was first on scene and upon my arrival told me the deceased [REDACTED] was in bed and the residence was heavily contaminated with carbon monoxide (CO). Sgt. Chastain asked for BCFD assistance in ventilating the residence.

BCFD Fire/EMT Decker entered the residence after arriving and found the interior CO level at 53. A ventilation fan was positioned at the front door after exterior windows and doors were opened.

I spoke with Meadowbrook Marketing Director [REDACTED] who also oversees the triplex facility located at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She told me one of their staff, [REDACTED] had stopped by to pick up [REDACTED] garbage and thought something was wrong after entering the residence. Meadowbrook's maintenance director, [REDACTED], was next door changing a light bulb so [REDACTED] asked him to check and he found [REDACTED] deceased in bed.

At approximately 1051 hrs I asked dispatch to have the DA and ME call me and I spoke with DA Shirtcliff and [REDACTED].

I spoke with [REDACTED] who told me when he entered the residence he could hear a vehicle running in the attached garage (which is located between [REDACTED]) so he went there first. He said there wasn't anyone in the vehicle and he shut it off. He told me it had the now-common push button start and stop. [REDACTED] stated he then yelled for [REDACTED] and located him in his bed. [REDACTED] said he stood at the foot of the bed and yelled again with no response so he exited and called [REDACTED].

Officer: LOHNER

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Incident: [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if the door to the garage had been closed and he said both were but he'd opened the outside door due to the strong odor.

I spoke with [REDACTED] who told me [REDACTED] door was always locked when she came over so she knocked and used her key to enter as usual. She said she noticed one of his two cat's dead on the floor in the living room and the house had a strong odor so she left and asked [REDACTED] for help.

# Incident Report: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] introduced me to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are [REDACTED] son-in-law and daughter. They told me [REDACTED] had come out to their residence last evening for a family get-together and left at around 2030 hrs.

While speaking with [REDACTED] he told me [REDACTED] had gotten his vehicle (a late model Toyota RAV4) within the last few weeks and wondered if he just hadn't got it shut off before going to bed. I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was hard of hearing and he ([REDACTED]) said [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED] went on to say he'd recently gotten new hearing aids and [REDACTED] had asked about them because he didn't like his, and hadn't been wearing them recently.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were offered Police Chaplain services, to which they declined.

At 1120 hrs the CO levels in the residence had gone down to 40, and EMT Decker thought to check the levels in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He found [REDACTED] to also be 40 so with the assistance of [REDACTED] the elderly resident, [REDACTED] was evacuated at 1154 hrs. She had no health complaints, but [REDACTED] called the St. Alphonsus Medical Center ER to ask their opinion. He stated the ER said [REDACTED] should be checked so [REDACTED] arranged transportation to the hospital. The level in 1090 was safe.

The roll up garage door to [REDACTED] residence was opened when I arrived but I asked [REDACTED] to check the CO levels in the garage and inside the vehicle. He told me the garage was safe but the inside of the vehicle was at 330.

I asked [REDACTED] if the windows and doors he opened for ventilation had been locked, and he said they were.

At 1205 hrs the CO level in the house was at 30, and at 1220 hrs it was 9. I entered to photo-document and found the first cat as described and it appeared to be in full rigor. As I worked my way to the back of the residence I saw a Toyota key fob on the dining room table which was off the utility room where the inside garage door is located.

I found [REDACTED] lying in bed on his back with the covers pulled up to his chest. I saw no obvious signs of trauma on the visible portion of his body and there were no signs of a struggle or disruption in the bedroom and rest of the house. [REDACTED] was also close to full rigor. I found his second cat deceased underneath the bed.

As I checked the garage it looked like the majority of the HVAC components were located there which would lead to air from the garage being drawn into the residence.

At 1238 hrs I asked dispatch to contact [REDACTED] and they arrived at 1248 hrs. [REDACTED] assisted me in locating [REDACTED] ODL and prescription medication. At 1306 hrs [REDACTED] took possession of

both the deceased and his cats and I released the residence to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Officer:

LOHNER

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Incident:

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**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Forward to DA and ME

# Incident Report [REDACTED]

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**Statements**

**Evidence/Property**

**Action Recommended**

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| <i>Date/ ID:</i> | 9/6/2017 | 39099 | LOHNER, Jay | <i>Incident:</i> | [REDACTED] |
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**Officer's Signature:**

**Date:**

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Incident: [REDACTED]

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LOHNER

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**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

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# Incident Report: P201701253

Current As Of:

5/24/2018 11:37:56 AM

Victim



M W



9/6/2017

## Property Involved:

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|-------|---------------|---|-----------------------|-------------|
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