

LYLE STEVIK

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Doe Name: Lyle Stevik

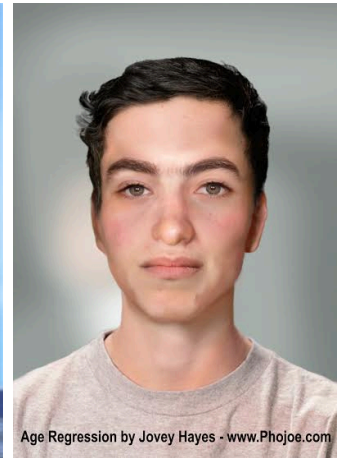
Agency Case Number: 01-7870

Doe Network Case File: [233UMWA](#)

NamUs Case Number: [01-238](#)

NCIC Number: U960002335

Official Listing for Grays County: [\[Link\]](#)



CONTACT INFORMATION

Investigating Agency: Grays Harbor Sheriff's Department

Contact: Detective Sergeant Darrin Wallace - dwallace@co.grays-harbor.wa.us

Phone: 1-360-249-6070

CASE HISTORY

On Monday, September 17, 2001, a man is found dead in a motel room in Amanda Park, Washington. He had hanged himself on the coat rack. **He was I am looking to speak to someone about tours for Sea Cadets. I am the Executive/Training Officer for 351 Llewellyn Sea Cadets in Chester, NS. We are trying to teach our cadets about all the marine opportunities in Nova Scotia (and beyond) upon their graduation, and show them as many different vessels as possible this year.**

Please let me know if this is something that would be possible. After checking the vessel map, I noticed the Burin Sea might be a viable option if it is moored for continued time.

Thank you so much for your time. Looking forward to speaking with you!

Three days previously (Friday, September 14, 2001), the man checks in using the name "Lyle Stevik", and the address "1019 S Progress Ave, Meridian, Idaho". The motel manager describes the man as having a "slight Canadian accent"; she thinks he might have a backpack, but isn't sure. He arrives at the same time as buses stop outside the motel, but nobody is certain how Lyle traveled there. He is given the key to room 8, but returns an hour later to complain about noise from a nearby trailer park. The motel clerk describes Lyle as giving off "bad vibes", being "spaced", and making her feel nervous. He is given the key to room 5.

On Saturday 15 September, 2001, Lyle is noticed "pacing" up and down the highway. He is also seen by "several people" on the porch outside room 5. On Sunday, 16 September, 2001, the motel maid offers to

clean his room; Lyle declines, but asks for additional towels. On Monday 16 September, 2001, Lyle is due to check out of his room. The maid finds his body and calls the motel owner. Police arrive.

Lyle leaves \$160 in \$20 bills in a hotel comment card, with "FOR THE ROOM" written on the front. In the bin, there is a copy of the previous day's Daily World Sunday newspaper, an empty Pepsi cup, and a note with the word "SUICIDE" written across. Other items that are found in the room include a toothbrush, toothpaste, coffee cup, and \$2.40 in spare change. In Lyle's pocket is \$8 in dollar bills and a pen.

The address Lyle gives on check-in belongs to the Best Western Rama Inn in Meridian, Idaho. Hotel employees do not recognize the John Doe.

IMAGES

Autopsy photos: [Link](#) / [link](#) / [link](#) (NSFW)

Recon images: [Link](#) / [link](#) / [link](#)

The reservation card: [Link](#)

The "SUICIDE" note: [Link](#)

The "FOR THE ROOM" comment card: [Link](#)

Police photos: The following Imgur album contains images of a deceased person, which some people might find distressing. These images were obtained by [/u/EugeneBYMCMB](#) via a Freedom of Information Act request: [Link](#) (NSFW)

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISCOVERY AND DEATH

Date Found: Monday, September 17, 2001.

Date of Death: Unknown, estimated to be in the PM hours of Sunday, September 16, 2001.

Time of Death: Unknown, estimated to be in the PM hours of Sunday, September 16, 2001.

Date of Death Reported:

Time of Death Reported:

Location Pronounced Dead: Lake Quinault Inn, 8 North Shore Road, Amanda Park, WA 98526, USA.

Location: [Click here for Google Maps.](#)

Cause of Death: Suicide by hanging

Official Cause of Death: Suicide by hanging

Manner of Death: Suicide by hanging.

Buried: Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, WA, USA. [Plot 43/32/10th.](#)

Reason for Investigation: Unidentified (EDIT: IDENTIFIED MAY 2018)

Known Injuries: Scrapes/Cuts on Hands

CHARACTERISTICS AND INFORMATION

Status: Unidentified.

Name: Unidentified. Used alias "Lyle Stevik"

Estimated Age: 20 - 30 years of age. May be reported as 30-40 *incorrectly*. The Detective guessed he was around 25 years of age.

Sex: Male.

Hair: Black, straight, neatly trimmed.

Eyes: Hazel

Nose: TBD - We believe it may have been broken at one time, but this has not been verified by the ME.

Teeth: "D-O Amalgam filling in tooth #14" and that four teeth were missing (#5, #12, #17, #32)

Approximate Height: 6'2 (74")

Approximate Weight: 140lbs, but may have weighed 170-185 in the time leading up to his death.

Race: White - sometimes listed as Hispanic or Native American.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

1. Marks on knuckle.
 2. Mole on the left side of his chin.
 3. Non-Recent appendectomy scar.
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CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

1. Blue plaid shirt.
 2. Brown leather belt with silver "western-style" buckle. Contains the markings "GENUINE LEATHER MADE IN USA"; "L31"; "7301". [[Photos of the belt](#) - NSFW]
 3. Grey Fruit of the Loom T-shirt, size XL.
 4. Hanes white underpants, size 32-34.
 5. Levi 550 jeans, size 36-34.
 6. Timberland black leather boots, size 10M.
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POSTERS

Poster #1: [Credit to /u/Clan McCrimmon](#)

Poster #2: [Credit to /u/usoheechul](#)

Poster #3 and #4: [Credit to /u/-hypercube](#)

Poster #5 (Regression): [Credit to /u/usoheechul](#)

Poster #6&7 (Spanish): [Credit to /u/tzei](#)

FORENSICS

DNA: In CODIS.

Fingerprints: Available.

Dentals: Available (dental impression and dental chart).

MISSING PERSONS

When considering missing persons for the following, please consider excluding:







- Any female missing person.
- Any Black, or Asian missing person.
- Any missing person standing over 6'5, and under 5'11 (71-77").
- Any missing person with blond hair or red hair.
- Any missing person with large scars (other than appendectomy).
- Any missing person with tattoos.






Please Note: If you would like to submit a missing person for exclusion, please contact one of our moderators via private message. Please refer to our [Ruled-out List](#). This is updated on a daily basis as new rule-outs come in.


// [-Urbex](#) // [Balthazaro](#) // [Clan McCrimmon](#) // [StumpyCorgi](#) // [CorvusCallidus](#) //

Who has been submitted for exclusion/match?

Name	State	Photo	Profile	Date submitted

James Gramling	GA		NAMUS	05/11/16
Steven Alexander Clark	Michigan		NamUs	05/11/16
Christopher Allan Temple	Michigan		NamUs	05/11/16
Timothy Criss	CA	None Available	NamUs	05/11/16
Patrick Pegg	MO	None Available	NamUs	05/11/16
Spencer Jolley	WA	None Available	NamUs	05/11/16
Jason Goddard	WA		NamUs	05/12/16
Bradley Lee Williams	Florida		NamUs	05/30/16
Robert G. Vigil	Colorado		NamUs	05/30/16

Hugh Nolan	California		NamUs	07/05/16
Darryl Ferneyhough	Halifax, Nova Scotia		Halifax Police	01/05/17
DUGUAY, Jean Rene	Montreal, Quebec		RCMP	01/05/17
LEVESQUE, Stephane	Montreal, Quebec		RCMP	01/05/17
Carlos Bostick	Jefferson County, Colorado		NamUs	01/06/17

Anthony Franko	Lemon Valley, NV		NamUs	01/10/17
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MISCELLANEOUS

1. [Map of the motel.](#)
2. [Map of the Best Western, Meridian.](#)
3. [Bus timetables to and from the motel in 2001.](#)
4. [Archived copy of the newspaper found in Lyle's room](#)
5. Links to other sites that refer/discuss Lyle [[here](#)]
6. [2015 photos taken from bus](#)

MEDIA REPORTS

1. *The Daily World*, issue dated: Tuesday, September 18, 2001; "Suicide Victim Discovered in Motel Room" by Ashley Shomo. [/u/-Urbex- is trying to obtain a copy of this article from the Timberland Regional Library].
2. *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, issued dated: Monday, February 24, 2003; "Washington's Unidentified Dead" by unknown. [[Available here](#)].
3. Unspecified publication in New Mexico, issue dated: circa 2006.
4. *The Daily World*, issue dated: Saturday, February 18, 2006; "Cold Case Haunts Detective" by Lisa Patterson. [[Available here](#)].
5. [Case Ravel Features Lyle Stevik](#)
6. [Lyle Stevik Article on Buzzfeed](#)
7. [Lyle Stevik Podcast Pilot](#)
8. [Lyle Stevik mentioned in Tanis Podcast](#)
9. [Newser article about Lyle Stevik](#)

10. [Tweet by Joyce Carol Oates](#)
11. [The strange case of a man with no name](#)
12. [Facebook post on Cryptid Hunter](#)
- 13.

Possible Media Reports:

1. *Fark or Something Awful?* [[See here](#) - /u/InternetConfessional]
2. *Blog about Lyle Stevik* - <https://lylestevik.wordpress.com/>

THE INVESTIGATION: INITIAL APPRAISAL.

Our Questions (and the subsequent answers from ME/LE)

Before questions are brought forward, please refer to [this post](#) of compiled answers from the original Detective.

The Circumstances

1. [Did Lyle use the phone in either room?](#)
2. [Were there two copies of the Daily World in the room, or only one?](#)
3. Why did Lyle leave so much money 'for the room'? - Asked [here](#) and [here](#).
4. [Could the batch number on the toothpaste be traced?](#)
5. [Did any other local lodging see Lyle that week?](#)
6. [Did anyone follow up with the "Lyle G Stevik" in Oregon?](#)
7. What happened to Lyle's belongings? His bank card?
 - *There were no belongings found in either room or the surrounding area except for the ones listed in the police file.*
8. Did Lyle have a backpack? What happened to it?
 - There was no backpack found in either room or the surrounding area.
9. Why were his clothes/underwear unsoiled? Was he wearing the same clothes for three days?
10. How did Lyle arrive at the motel?
11. Is there really a connection with the Joyce Carol Oates novel *You Must Remember This*? Or is it just a coincidence?
12. Why was Lyle giving the motel manager "bad vibes" when he asked to change rooms?
13. Why did Lyle's behavior change from "kind" to "rude" according to the housekeeper?

14. What would have happened if Lyle needed ID to book the room? Would he have left the motel and gone somewhere else?
15. Where did Lyle eat during his stay? Why were there no food wrappers in his room?
16. Why did Lyle take a shower as soon as he got to the motel? Why did he say that he hadn't?
- 17.

The Doe

1. [Was Ethnicity testing performed?](#)
2. [Is Isotope testing a possibility?](#) -- Results posted [Here!!](#)
3. [Were his stomach contents listed/tested?](#)
4. [Was a toxicology report done?](#)
5. [Questions about Appendectomy Scar - Other scars discussed here](#)
6. [Did Lyle have "shovel teeth"?](#)
7. [Are there any distinguishing features of his dental and medical work?](#)
8. Are there dental records/imprints? - Asked [here](#) and [here](#).
9. [Was there anything other than his "accent" to make the check-in worker think that Lyle was Canadian?](#) (Accent also discussed [here](#))
10. [Where is Lyle buried?](#)

THE INVESTIGATION UPDATES

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, WHAT ARE WE DOING, AND WHO IS DOING IT?

BRAINSTORMING

Related Reddit Posts:

Suggestion	Suggested By
Contact with Interpol	/u/Clan_McCrimmon
Raising funds to determine Lyle's ethnicity	/u/StumpyCorgi

CONTACT MADE

~~Strikethrough text~~ denotes contact that did not result in any leads or information.

Contact Made With	Contact Made By	When	Reddit discussion
Lyle's previous case manager	/u/-Urbex-	07.21.15	Click here
The Timberland Regional Library	/u/-Urbex-	07.27.15	Click here
Lyle's current case manager	/u/-Urbex-	08.14.15	Click here
Norwegian Police (Oslo, Norway)	/u/-Urbex-	08.14.15	Click here
Interpol	/u/ClanMcCrimmon	08.14.15	Click here
Joyce Carol Oates	/u/-Urbex-	07.11.15	N/A
Meridian Public Records Request	/u/-Urbex-	07.15.15	Click here
European Roma Rights Centre - FB	/u/-Urbex-	03.18.16	Click here
Roma Rights Network - FB	/u/-Urbex-	03.18.16	Click here
Roma Rights International JournalFB	/u/-Urbex-	03.18.16	Click here

WHO ELSE CAN WE CONTACT?

Contact	Reddit discussion	Suggested By	Outcome
Dentist in Grays Harbor area	Click here	/u/StumpyCorgi-	pending response: see links below
Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)	Click here	/u/magnetarball	

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Obtained by /u/EugeneBYMCMB via a Freedom of Information Act request.

NSFW: Contains autopsy photos.

- [Police Record Part 1](#)
 - [Police Record Part 2](#)
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GENERAL RESEARCH

The Doe

Topic	Related Topic/Post
9/11	Click here
Ancestry Research	Click here/here
Dental Work	Click here / here
Ethnicity Research	Click here.
Handwriting	Click here

Medical Research	-
Money Left in the Room	Click here
Possible Arrests	-
Possible Broken Nose	Click here
Possible Employment	Click here -
Possible Metis Connection	Click here
Possible Modes of Transportation	Click here / here
Possible Prison Time	-
Room 5	Click here
RV Park Theory	Click here
Similar Cases	Click here / here
Similarities to the living	Click here
Steven	Click here - NSFW
The Bible Verses	Click here / here
The "Canadian" Accent	Click here
Where is Lyle Buried?	Click here
Yearbook Research	Click here
You Must Remember This - Joyce Carol Oates	Click here / here

AREA RESEARCH

Topic	Related Post
Best Western Rama Inn	Click here
Lake Quinault Inn	Click here
Nearby Businesses	-
Other Grays Harbor accidents and deaths	-
Weather	-

CONTACTING THE MEDIA

Related Reddit Posts:

1. [Contacting the Media - Who Can Help?](#)

TV/Radio

Media Agency	Via	Contacted By	Date	Outcome
CBC Calgary (Calgary, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
CBC Vancouver (Vancouver, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
CTV Calgary (Calgary, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
CTV Vancouver (Vancouver, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
Global Calgary (Calgary, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	Received a return email asking for more information. Nothing since.
Global Vancouver (Vancouver, Canada)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
KBKW-AM (Gray's Harbor, WA)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	Set up a phone call for an interview 08.19.15
KDUX-FM (Gray's Harbor, WA)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15

KXRO (Gray's Harbor, WA)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
John Walsh	Twitter	/u/Clan_McCrimmon	100815	
KPLU (Seattle/Tacoma, WA)			020816	In progress

Print

Media Agency	Via	Contacted By	Date	Outcome
Boise Weekly (Boise, ID)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081815	No response as of 09/08/15
Montesano Vidette (Aberdeen, WA)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081815	No response as of 09/08/15
The Daily World (Aberdeen, WA)	Email	/r/-Urbex-	081815	No response as of 09/08/15
The Idaho Statesman (Boise, ID)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081815	No response as of 09/08/15
The Province (Vancouver, Canada)	Email	/u/Clan_McCrimmon	-	Did not respond
The Seattle Times (Seattle, WA)	Website ContactUs	/u/-Urbex-	081915	No response as of 09/08/15
Huffington Post (Country-wide, USA)	Email	/u/-Urbex-	081815	No response as of 09/08/15
Global BC (Vancouver, Canada)	Twitter	/u/ClanMcCrimmon	090215	
Medium			022516	Article posted as of 02/25/2016
Newser			030516	Article posted as of 03/05/2016

Web

Website	Via	Contacted By	Date	Outcome
/r/Boise/	Reddit	Multiple	Multiple	[link] and [link]
/r/Calgary	Reddit	/u/-Urbex-	08.19.15	[Link]
/r/Dentistry	Reddit	/u/soheechul	8.10.15	Discussion of dental work. [Link]
/r/Dentistry	Reddit	/u/stumpycorgi	08.22.15	Seeking WA dentist/orthodontist to examine dental records- pending: One commenter suggested posting in /r/oralprofessionals, but they are private, so I messaged their mods [Link]
/r/GraysHarbor	Reddit	/u/-Urbex-	08.18.15	[Link]
/r/MissingPersons				
/r/Olympia	Reddit	/u/-Urbex-	08.18.15	[Link]
/r/Theology	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	8.13.15	Interpretation of Bible verses. [Link]
/r/UnresolvedMysteries	Reddit	/u/Balthazaro	07.13.15	[Link]
/r/UnsolvedMysteries	Reddit	/u/-Urbex-	08.18.15	[Link]
/r/Vancouver	Reddit	/u/-Urbex-	08.19.15	[Link]
/r/VintageFashion	Reddit	/u/Balthazaro	12.10.15	ID of Lyle's belt. No response. [Link]
/r/Washington				
/r/WithoutATrace				
/r/whatisthisting	Reddit	/u/Balthazaro	12.10.15	ID of Lyle's belt. No response. [Link]

Grays Harbor Talk				
/r/Seattle	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	08.22.15	Seeking local Dentist/Ortho to examine records- pending [Link]
/r/Pathology	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	08.22.15	Seeking forensic dentist in WA- pending [Link]
/r/eatingdisorderhope	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	08.20.15	Russell's Mark [Link]
/r/Ophthalmology	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	8.19.15	possible ptosis in right eye: investigate further [Link]
/r/Genetics	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	8.19.15	[Link]
/r/exmormon (mods)	Reddit	/u/StumpyCorgi	8.22.15	<p>Messaged mods to ask if there is any data on FLDS "lost boys" and for permission to post.</p> <p>Response from moderator /u/vh65 on 8/22/15, needs further investigation:</p> <p>"The exFLDS community is growing and has I think had some strong bonding recently, with a big 4th of July picnic down in Colorado City. There are a couple of people who post on this forum that identify as exFLDS, but not many. You might try contacting Lynsey Hansen Park, who runs the www.yearofpolygamy.com site, because she has made a lot of ties with that group through her project and may be able to put out some feelers for you. You might also try contacting one of the women who has written books about their experiences. I'm thinking Carolyn Jessop or Rebecca Musser."</p> <p>ALSO (LATER, SAME DAY:</p>

				"If I remember right Renecca Musser spent time in the Pacific Morthwest maybe 10 years ago. Her book is The Witness Wore Red, and it might be useful to look at before you contact her."
/r/oralprofessionals (mods)	reddit	/u/stumpycorgi	8.22.15	Messaged mods for permission to post--seeking dental consultant in WA. Pending.

DEBUNKED THEORIES

Eating Disorder: Many posters, including /u/sewer_mermaid, pointed out numerous traits and effects of bulimia that did not correlate with the condition of his teeth or the marks on his hands.

9/11: Completed isotope results in 2016 showed that he had not been in New York in the 1-2 months before his death, and had been traveling/living in the Southern US during that period.

He is from Canada: Largely discounted. Isotope results showed that he grew up in the US, traveling frequently throughout his childhood. Where he was born is still unknown, making this still possible.