



# THURSTON COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

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**GARY L. WARNOCK**  
Coroner

**Deputy Coroner Investigators**  
Madelyn Schwartz Lisa Chase Karen Peek  
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## Public Records Requests

### Office Organization

Thurston County Coroner Gary Warnock  
Five Deputies Coroner investigators  
Office Assistant II (half-time)

### Public Records Officer

Coroner Gary Warnock

### Office Location and Hours

Location: 2925 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in Tumwater  
Hours: Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Procedures for Requesting Records

**Administrative Records:** To the extent possible, requests should be made to the Coroner in writing. The requestor must provide his/her name, mailing address and a specific description of the document(s) requested.

**Case File Records:** Persons requesting case records, other than those designated in RCW 68.50.105 set out below, must submit a signed release from an authorized family member, **OR** a court order signed by a judge.

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A signed and notarized Hold Harmless Agreement must accompany any request for case photos.

### **RCW 68.50.105 Autopsies, post mortems – Reports and record confidential – Exceptions.**

Reports and records of autopsies or post mortems shall be Confidential, except that the following persons may examine and obtain copies of any such report or record: The personal representative of the decedent as defined in RCW 11.02.005, any family member, the attending physician, the prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction, public health officials, or to the department of labor and industries in cases which it has an interest under RCW 68.50.103.

The coroner, the medical examiner, or the attending physician shall, upon request, meet with the family of the decedent to discuss the findings of the autopsy or post mortem. For the purpose of this section, the term “family” means the surviving spouse, or any children, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister of the decedent, or any person who was guardian of the decedent at the time of death.

### Copy Charges

The cost of the Coroner's Report is \$50.00