



VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

File No.:2008:0621:0004

An Inquest was held at the Supreme Court, in the municipality of Prince George

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates November 2 - 4, 2009

before Rodrick H. MacKenzie, Presiding Coroner,

into the death of BOUEY Cheryl Ann 42 (Age) Male Female

and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: June 26, 2008 between 2:17:37 hrs and 2:22:23 hrs

Prince George RCMP Cells

Place of Death: 999 Brunswick Street Prince George BC

(Location)

(Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Ligature Asphyxia DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b) DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last. c)

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 4th day of November AD, 2009.

RODRICK H. MACKENZIE

Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Presiding Coroner's Signature

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Pursuant to Section 38 of the Coroner's Act, the following recommendations are forwarded to the Chief Coroner of the Province of British Columbia for distribution to the appropriate agency:

JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

To: Derrek Bates
City Manager
1100 Patricia Blvd.
Prince George BC V2L 3V9

To: Garry Bass
Deputy Commissioner Pacific Region
Commanding Officer "E" Division
657 West 37th Ave.
Vancouver BC V5Z 1K6

1. Guard staffing levels to be increased on traditionally busier days.
2. Amend RCMP "E" Division Operational Manual part 21 - Search and Seizure and 21.2 Personal Search section 2.1. to add examples of what to look for such as: draw strings in pant waists, ankles, shirt/sweater draw strings, belts, bras, shoe laces, hats, jewelery etc.
3. The guards shall carry a radio at all times, and supervisors shall enforce this through progressive disciplinary action.
4. Monitors within the guard room should be upgraded to an anti-glare, larger, flat screen style.
5. Cameras should be installed within the guard room.
6. Until such time as a new jail is constructed, the current cells should be upgraded by: removing the expanded metal grating on the bars and doors, replacing it with a clear see-through plexi-glass/lexan covering and two guards to be on duty at all times.
7. Policy review by guards to be formally documented.
8. Policies and procedures for Prince George guards and RCMP in reference to the RCMP lockup should be reviewed for contradictions and inconsistencies.
9. The guard room to be re-organized in order to provide the guards a better view of the cell camera monitors while being able to complete the computer logs.



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To: Mayor and Council
City of Prince George
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10. That Prince George City Council approve funding for a new RCMP station including a new lockup. Recommendations from all staff associated with the Prince George lockup to be sought and considered respecting the construction of a new lockup.