



VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

File No.: 2008:177:0010

An Inquest was held at the Provincial Court, in the municipality of Port Hardy

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates June 29, 30 and July 2,3, 2009

before Jeff Dolan, Presiding Coroner,

into the death of Debra Marie COON 48 Male Female (Last Name, First Name) (Age)

and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: March 14, 2008 22:12

Place of Death: Victoria General Hospital Victoria, BC (Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Acute Subdural Hematoma DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b) Blunt Force Head Injury 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 3rd day of July AD, 2009.

JEFF DOLAN Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Original signed by Jeff Dolan Presiding Coroner's Signature



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Pursuant to Section 38 of the Coroners 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: Howard Waldner
Chief Executive Officer
Vancouver Island Health Authority
Victoria, B.C.

1. Provide blood alcohol testing equipment to better assist in the assessment of patients for treatment at Port Hardy Hospital
2. Increased ER training for doctors and nurses in rural areas
3. Refit observation room in Port Hardy Hospital to ensure safe observation of patients who are mentally ill or intoxicated
4. Provide trained staff for observation room in Port Hardy Hospital

To: Sue Conroy
Chief Operating Officer
BC Ambulance Service
PO Box 9600
Victoria, BC

5. Policy Recommendations for ambulance attendant to consult with matron/ guard prior to transporting injured prisoners to hospital

To: Mayor Bev Parnham
District of Port Hardy
PO Box 68
Port Hardy, BC

Chief Verna Hunt
Fort Rupert Band
British Columbia

Chief Tom Nelson
Quatsino Band
British Columbia



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To: Paddy Walkus
Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Band
British Columbia

6. That public awareness programs be developed and delivered to highlight social issues within the District of Port Hardy

To: Honourable Chuck Strahl
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H4

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Honourable Kevin Falcon
Minister of Health
Province of British Columbia

Mayor Bev Parnham
District of Port Hardy
PO Box 68
Port Hardy, BC

Salvation Army
British Columbia Divisional Headquarters
103 - 3833 Henning Dr
Burnaby BC V5C 6N5

7. To initiate plans for the development of a sobering centre, detoxification centre, 'pre' and 'post' treatment safe house and treatment facilities in Port Hardy