



VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

File No. 2007:0212:1085

An Inquest was held at Coroner's Courtroom, in the municipality of Burnaby in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates 19th, 20th and 21st November 2008 before Tonia Grace, Presiding Coroner, into the death of McKenna Cecil Edward, 50, Male, and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: 27th October 2007 late hours
Place of Death: Surrey RCMP cells, Surrey, BC

Medical Cause of Death

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Acute methadone toxicity
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: [X] Accidental [] Homicide [] Natural [] Suicide [] Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 21st day of November AD, 2008.

TONIA GRACE
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Original signed by T. Grace
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: Chief Superintendent W.F. MacRae
Officer in Charge of Surrey Detachment
14355 – 57 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3X 1A9

We recommend that:

1. the following new procedure: "When dealing with intoxicated prisoners carrying properly labelled prescription medications, the RCMP MUST contact the prescribing physician or the poison control centre to authorize the administration of the said medication" be added to the current Standard Operating Procedures entitled "Prisoner Medication" found at pages 80-82 of Module D.
2. there be a policy implemented to check rousability of intoxicated prisoners every two hours, rather than the current interim Surrey detachment measure of every four hours.

To: Deputy Commissioner Gary D. Bass
Commanding Officer "E" Division
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
5255 Heather Street
Vancouver, BC V5Z 3L7

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And

To: Mr. Murray Dunwoodie
City Manager
City of Surrey
14245 – 56th Avenue
Surrey, BC V3X 3A2

4. We recommend that every three months, a review of random cell block video recordings should be performed to monitor guard effectiveness and to ensure the proper attention to prisoners' wellbeing as referred to in National Policy 19.3, sub-section 2 "assessing responsiveness".



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To: Officer in Charge of BC Ambulance Service,
Victoria, BC.

5. We recommend that on-board computers be installed in all ambulances to provide capability for data input and to allow for immediate access to records of previous paramedic attendances.