



VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

File No.: 2007:0159:0012

An Inquest was held at Port Hardy Courthouse, in the municipality of District of Port Hardy in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates November 24, 25, and 26, 2008 before Shane DeMeyer, Presiding Coroner, into the death of Nelson, Duane 34 Male into the death of Nelson, Duane 34 Male and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: September 20, 2007

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

Medical Cause of Death

- (1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Acute right subdural hematoma DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF Antecedent Cause if any: b) Trauma to right side of face due to a fall DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last: c) Intoxication (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 26 day of November AD, 2008.

SHANE DEMEYER Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Original signed by S. DeMeyer Presiding Coroner's Signature



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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF

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SURNAME

DUANE

GIVEN NAMES

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: Deputy Commissioner Gary Bass
Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "E" Division
657 West 37th Avenue
Vancouver, British Columbia
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1. That cells designated for intoxicated individuals have padded floors and walls.
2. That intoxicated prisoners placed in the "drunk tank" not be provided with a blanket.
3. That a system be implemented to ensure that RCMP members coming on shift are aware of any "red flag" trauma incidents in cells from the previous shift.
4. That a "Head Trauma Symptom Sheet" be posted in a visible area.
5. That policy be developed that would direct RCMP members to initiate immediate first aid measures when an inmate is unresponsive to the application of a pain stimulus.

To: Howard Waldner,
Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Island Health Authority
Victoria, British Columbia

Sue Conroy
Chief Operating Officer
British Columbia Ambulance Service
P.O. Box 9600
Victoria, British Columbia

6. That protocols be developed to facilitate the sharing of information to ensure the proper continuity of care between all agencies providing service to the patient.

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To: Honourable George Abbott
Minister of Health Services
1515 Blanshard Street
Victoria, British Columbia

Bill Blackman
Divisional Commander
Salvation Army
#103-3833 Henning Drive
Burnaby, British Columbia

Howard Waldner,
Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Island Health Authority
Victoria, British Columbia

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.

To: Bev Parnham
Mayor Elect
District of Port Hardy
P.O. Box 68
Port Hardy

8. That a public awareness program be developed and delivered to highlight social issues within the District of Port Hardy.