



VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

File No.: 2007:0568:0087

An Inquest was held at Penticton Trade & Convention Centre, in the municipality of Penticton in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates 27th - 29th May 2008 and 3rd June 2008 before Tonia Grace, Presiding Coroner, into the death of Qualtier Steven, 46, Male, and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: 5th August 2007 at 1045 hours
Place of Death: Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna, British Columbia

Medical Cause of Death
(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Cerebral edema
Antecedent Cause if any: b) Acute subdural hematoma
Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last: c) Closed head injury
(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 June 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: Commanding Officer of Keremeos RCMP
Keremeos RCMP Detachment
PO Box 3402
Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

To: Band Chief and Council of Lower Similkameen Indian Band
517-7 Avenue, Box 100, Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

1. We recommend a person be appointed to mediate between the RCMP and the family of an intoxicated injured or arrested band member who has been placed in custody for public intoxication. This will ensure band members are not in custody of the RCMP when a responsible 3rd party is available.

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To: Commanding Officer of Penticton RCMP
Penticton RCMP Detachment
1168 Main Street
Penticton, BC V2A 5E8

2. We recommend where there is no alternative but to transport an intoxicated and/or injured person to cells under a physician's release, any instructions for care or observations by the doctor should be noted by the member on a written form in the doctor's presence. This form should be attached to the C-13 booking form. It should be read and initialed by the guard and watch commander upon booking-in and by oncoming staff.



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We recommend:

3. All personnel on shift responsible for the care of prisoners must fully read and understand the information contained on each prisoner's C-13 form. Space should be provided at the bottom of the C-13 form to record the initials of said personnel and the time of so doing, thereby indicating that they have read and understood the contents of the form.
4. Copies of all relevant RCMP policy manuals should be given to all guards and members. Any revision or changes to policy should be initialed by guards and members after having read them. Copies of these changes should be provided to guards and members. Semi-annual retraining should include a review of the manuals to ensure consistency in the implementation of policy. Guards and members attending review, training, retraining, or attending meetings regarding policy should initial a form that documents the time, date and place of such professional development. This form should be kept on file.
5. Policy regarding responsiveness and rousability should not be considered guidelines and should be strictly adhered to.