



VERDICT AT INQUEST

File No.: 2011:0216:0023

An Inquest was held at The Coroners Court, in the municipality of Burnaby in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates February 5,6,7, 2013

before Vincent Stancato, Presiding Coroner,

into the death of GUIBOCHE Ashley Christine 18 (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) (Age) [ ] Male [X] Female and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: January 31, 2011 @ 23:35

Place of Death: Royal Columbian Hospital New Westminister, BC (Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Multiple Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b) Motor Vehicle Impact

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

7 day of February AD, 2013

Vincent Stancato

Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Handwritten signature of Vincent Stancato

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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GUIBOCHE

Surname

Ashley Christine

Given Names

*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:**

1. That the City of Surrey, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and TransLINK cooperate to find a solution to the serious jaywalking problem identified along King George Boulevard, between 98th and 100th Avenues. It is recommended that the following options are considered: an overhead walkway parallel to the tracks at the King George Skytrain Station permitting pedestrians to cross King George Boulevard and descend to the west sidewalk and /or a pedestrian activated crosswalk at 98B Avenue. This needs to be a priority. If there is any delay in the construction of either a walkway or a pedestrian controlled sidewalk, that the following be done: the signage advising pedestrians to cross at the crosswalks be moved to the east and west sidewalks, and that the fence be extended from 98th to 100th avenues.
2. That the RCMP consider additional and more frequent training to officers concerning the Motor Vehicle Act and Emergency Driving Regulations. This training needs to be consistent throughout the RCMP, with respect to not only the material, but the instruction of this material. In particular, all provisions respecting the appropriate use of police vehicles and when to/not to activate lights and sirens. As per the Motor Vehicle Act Emergency Driving Regulation, a peace officer may exceed the speed limit provided the officer activates their emergency light and siren, unless the risk of harm to members of the public entailed in operating an emergency siren or an emergency light and siren, outweighs the risk of harm to members of the public entailed in not operating them. Currently, driver related training is delegated to unit heads and is typically limited to distribution of new information/policy with a requirement for officers to review. It does not routinely involve practical driver training. Consideration should be given to in person training that is provided as part of required Block Training every three years in Chilliwack.
3. That the RCMP consider programming the MDTs to transmit audible text of all incoming messages as well as allow the officer to respond to these messages verbally, hands free, while the vehicle is in motion. As an alternate option, consider a smaller 'heads up' screen placed on the dash strictly for transmitting messages from dispatch. This would be supplementary to the MDT, which would still be used by the officer in a stationary vehicle.
4. That the RCMP consider equipping all police vehicles with cameras that automatically start to record when lights and/or sirens are activated.



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5. That the RCMP consider increasing the length of time senior officers ride along with new officers from three months to one year.
6. That a copy of the Verdict be distributed to every police officer in RCMP E - Division.