



Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Coroners Service
Province of British Columbia

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VERDICT AT CORONERS INQUEST

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONER'S INQUEST PURSUANT TO
SECTION 38 OF THE CORONERS ACT, [SBC 2007] c 15, INTO THE DEATH OF

PRINCE

SURNAME

AARON LEE

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at the Nanaimo Law Courts, in the municipality of Nanaimo
November 7, 2023 to November 10,
in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: 2023

before: Carolyn Maxwell, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Prince, Aaron Lee 35 ☒ Male ☐ Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: Oct 12, 2017 0703
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: 39000 Block of Inland Island Highway Qualicum Beach,
(Location) (Municipality/Province)
British Columbia

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Multiple gunshot wounds to chest and abdomen

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: ☐ Accidental ☒ Homicide ☐ Natural ☐ Suicide ☐ Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 10th day of November AD, 2023

Carolyn Maxwell

Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Carolyn Maxwell

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: The Chief Coroner of the BC Coroners Service

1. Recommendation that inquests be held in a timely manner/as soon as possible following a death.

To: RCMP 'E' Division and BC Emergency Health Services

2. Recommendation that improved communication and clarity be established around criteria for restraint use for persons at risk for harm to self or others, in order to transport to an appropriate facility.

To: Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

3. Recommendation to expand inclusion of a mental health clinician on RCMP mental health calls province wide.

To: RCMP 'E' Division

4. Recommendation is to encourage increased use of tasers as a non-lethal alternative to other methods or tools for control of a person.
5. Recommendation for RCMP to receive annual crisis intervention and de-escalation training.



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To: Ministry of Health and The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

6. Recommendation is for all physicians in BC, particularly those in institutional settings, such as emergency rooms, to have enhanced training in sensitivity to, and treatment of, the symptoms of various mental illnesses in patients.

To: BC Emergency Health Services

7. Recommendation is for the 911 call takers to request a caller to stop their vehicle instead of allowing the caller to continue to travel while in distress or in potential harm's way.