

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

File Number: 2018-0380-0003

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

Patrick			Samantha Nicole	
SURNAME			GIVEN NAMES	
An Inquest was held at	The Burnaby Coroners'	Court , in th	e municipality of	Burnaby
in the Province of British	Columbia, on the following da	tes: July	24 - 28, 2023	
before:	Margaret Janzen , p		residing Coroner.	
into the death of Patrick		mantha st Name)	Nicole (Middle Name)	28 Male X Female
The following findings we		st Name)	(Middle Name)	(Age)
Date and Time of Death:	May 11, 2018			14:53 hours
bate and Time of Beath.	(Date)			(time)
Place of Death:	Surrey Memorial Hos	spital (13750) - 96 th Ave)	Surrey, B.C. (Municipality/Province)
Medical Cause of Death:				
(1) Immediate Cause of I	Death: a) Anoxic / Ischen	nic Brain Injury		
	Due to or as a con	sequence of		
Antecedent Cause if any:	b) Fentanyl Toxicit	EY .		
	Due to or as a con	sequence of		
Giving rise to the immedi cause (a) above, <u>stating</u> underlying cause last.	c)			
(2) Other Significant Con Contributing to Death:	ditions			
Classification of Death:	x Accidental	Homicide	Natural S	uicide Undetermined
The above verdict certifie	d by the Jury on the28	3th day of	July	AD,2023
Margaret Janzen Presiding Coroner's Printed Name			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: City of Surrey

- 1. Implement the use of individual electronic health metric monitors (similar to Fitbit) for detainees placed in Surrey Cells.
- 2. Create a multi-disciplinary committee to review the conditions within Surrey Cells related to the safety and comfort of both detainees and staff.

To: Alouette Correctional Centre for Women

3. Receive detainees 7 days per week.

To: Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General

- 4. Review and implement placing municipal cell guards under the *Police Act* for the purpose of, but not limited to the following: upgraded, standardized training including job training, first aid training, naloxone training and management of aggressive behaviour.
- 5. Create an independent oversight agency (similar to the Independent Investigations Office) to oversee, investigate and hold accountable municipal cell guards, including creating a Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP to agree to Provincial oversight.