



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

Williams

SURNAME

Jovan Christopher

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, in the municipality of Smithers

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: Nov 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2021

before: Larry Marzinzik, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Williams Jovan Christopher 39
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age) ☒ Male ☐ Female

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: April 21, 2016 14:49
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: 71 Morrison Street Granisle BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death: GUN SHOT WOUNDS

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) GUN SHOT WOUNDS TO THE CHEST

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 6th day of November AD, 2021

Larry Marzinzik
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: Officer in charge, E Division, RCMP

1. To review policy to encourage the deployment of members in pairs where possible, especially and specifically for high-risk incidents in isolated communities.
2. To reopen the RCMP detachment in Granisle and post a member to that detachment.

To: Officer in charge, E Division, RCMP and Northern Health Authority

3. To lead the development, training and implementation of Community Crisis Intervention teams within isolated communities that bring together members of various agencies (eg. EMS, Fire, Council, Band Office, Community Health, RCMP, school officials) to assist in providing cohesive responses to critical incidents.