



CORONER'S COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VERDICT AT CORONER'S INQUEST

We, the Jury, having been duly sworn and serving at the inquest, commencing on 18 April 2007 at Port Alberni, British Columbia, and continued on the following dates April 19, 2007

into the death of Adrienne Claudette Bos find he/she came to his/her death at approximately 0400 hours, on the 27th day of October AD, 2005 at or near Nanaimo, British Columbia.

MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH

- (1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) ACUTE COCAINE OVERDOSE 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 THE EVENT [X] ACCIDENTAL [] HOMICIDE [] NATURAL [] SUICIDE [] UNDETERMINED

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 19th day of April AD, 2007.

ROSE STANTON

Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Presiding Coroner's Signature

TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESIDING CORONER

Form with fields for Age (37), Gender (Female), Date of Birth (January 17, 1968), Native (Yes), Coroner's Case No. (2005-0196-0039), Post Mortem (Full), Police File No. (2005-13205), Toxicology (Yes), Police Department (RCMP Port Alberni), Identification Method (Visual), Court Reporter (Verbatim Words West Ltd.), Identified by (RCMP Cst Chris Fread), Reporter Phone (604-591-6677), Premise of Injury (Unknown), Premise of Death (Nanaimo Regional General Hospital).





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INTRODUCTION

The inquest into the death of Adrienne Claudette Bos commenced at 0930 hours on April 18, 2007 at Port Alberni Court and continued on April 19, 2007. John Orr was coroner's counsel. Helen Roberts appeared on behalf of the Attorney General of Canada for the RCMP. Sheriff Jim Rowley took charge of the jury and recorded the exhibits.

The following witnesses testified:

1. Dr. David Charlesworth, Forensic Pathologist
2. Kuldeep Lal
3. Russell Seeber
4. Cst Calvo
5. Cst Lloyd
6. Cst Banks
7. Ron Clayton, Jailer
8. Rick Geddes, BC Ambulance
9. Dr. Fred Meyer, Physician

The following exhibits were entered into evidence:

1. Registration of Death
2. Toxicology Report
3. Report of Autopsy
4. Letter from Dr. Martz re: Toxicology Results
5. Certificate of Analyst
6. Jury's Questions for Russell Seeber
7. Ambulance Crew Report
8. Statement taken from Cst. Chris Fread



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PRESIDING CORONER'S COMMENTS

The following is a brief synopsis of the issues reviewed during the inquest. The purpose of these comments is to assist the reader to more fully understand the Verdict and Recommendations of the jury. It is not intended to be considered evidence nor is it intended in any way to replace the jury's verdict.

Adrienne Claudette Bos and Russell Seeber were walking on the sidewalk outside the Beaufort Pub in Port Alberni at approximately 0220 hours on October 23, 2005 when they were stopped by RCMP Cst Chris Fread.

Cst Fread was on patrol when he recognized Ms. Bos from a previous encounter. He was aware she had an outstanding unendorsed warrant for her arrest and pulled over to arrest her. Cst Benjamin Calvo also knew Ms. Bos and thought she might be resistant to arrest so he drove to the pub to assist Cst Fread. He arrived a couple of minutes after Cst Fread.

Mr. Seeber gave evidence that Ms. Bos had two rocks of crack cocaine hidden on her person. She attempted to pass one to him but dropped it. He returned to retrieve it after police and Ms. Bos left the area. Ms. Bos was evasive when Cst Fread questioned her. Cst Fread described her behaviour as erratic and hyper and believed she was under the influence of drugs.

Cst Calvo stated her behaviour suggested to him that she was trying to hide drugs on her person. She was resistant to arrest and objected to a pat down search by male officers. A search of her purse revealed pepper spray and she was charged with carrying a weapon. Her hands were handcuffed behind her back and placed in the back seat of Cst Fread's patrol car.

Cst Calvo searched the backseat of Cst Fread's patrol car thoroughly before placing Ms. Bos inside and warned her that if any drugs were found in the backseat of the car, they would be assumed to have come from her. Ms. Bos was transported to police cells. Cst Calvo stated he asked Ms. Bos several times if she had ingested any substances and that if she had, she should say so as she would need medical attention.

Ms. Bos was booked into cells at 0235 hours. During the booking procedure, Cst Calvo searched the back seat of Cst Fread's car and found flecks of white powder splattered on the inside of the door and window and some blood tinged saliva. Testing of the white substance identified it as cocaine. Ms. Bos was cautioned and charged with possession of a controlled substance. She was then strip searched



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by a female officer, Cst Sandra Lloyd, before being placed in a cell at approximately 0259 hours. Cst Lloyd discovered a pocket knife and a pocket scale with white powder residue on Ms. Bos's person.

Ron Clayton was the municipal employee on guard duty in police cells the night Ms. Bos was arrested. His responsibilities include monitoring prisoners. He is required to visually and physically check each inmate's well being on a regular basis. Between physical checks, he monitors prisoners by watching them on a bank of video screens at the booking desk where he does his paperwork.

Mr. Clayton was present when Cst Calvo reported the presence of the cocaine in the car and overheard comments about Ms. Bos having possibly recently ingested cocaine but he was not given this information directly. If a guard has medical concerns about an individual being admitted to cells, they can request a medical assessment by ambulance personnel or refuse to accept the person until they have been examined in hospital.

Ms. Bos did not appear to be in any medical distress during booking. She asked to speak with a lawyer and efforts were made to contact one for her. She was placed in a cell alone and given a blanket and a glass of water. The cell contained a bunk, toilet and sink.

Mr. Clayton recalled seeing Ms. Bos on the video monitor lying down on the bunk under a blanket, then getting up to get a drink of water, then lying down again with her head on the blanket. Mr. Clayton glanced up several times at the monitor and thought she was resting. A review of the cell video after her death shows Ms. Bos lying down then sitting on her bed before falling sideways onto the bunk and having a series of seizures interspersed with periods where she appears to be resting.

Approximately 17 minutes after Ms. Bos was booked into cells, Mr. Clayton glanced at the screen and noticed Ms. Bos making hand movements that did not seem right. He went to check on her and found her lying on her cot unresponsive. Mr. Clayton returned to his desk to push a panic button that alerts RCMP of an emergency situation in the cells and he called an ambulance before returning to Ms. Bos.

He determined she was breathing and had a pulse. He placed her in a recovery position and monitored her pulse and respirations until ambulance attendants arrived. Her heart stopped as the ambulance attendants arrived and CPR as initiated. Mr. Clayton assisted ambulance attendants.

Primary Care Paramedic Rick Geddes was at the ambulance station when the call came in from dispatch at 0318 hours. He and his partner were at the jail in 3 minutes. Ms. Bos was cyanotic indicating she was not getting enough oxygen. She had no pulse and was not breathing. She was



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prepared for transfer to hospital while CPR was performed and she was transported to the West Coast General Hospital Emergency Department.

Mr. Geddes assisted Dr. Fred Meyer and hospital staff with the resuscitative efforts for approximately an hour until a heart rhythm was eventually recovered. Ms. Bos was transferred to Nanaimo General Hospital Intensive Care Unit. She had suffered irreversible brain damage from lack of oxygen and never regained consciousness. Family made the decision to withdraw life support and she died on October 27, 2005 at 0400 hours.

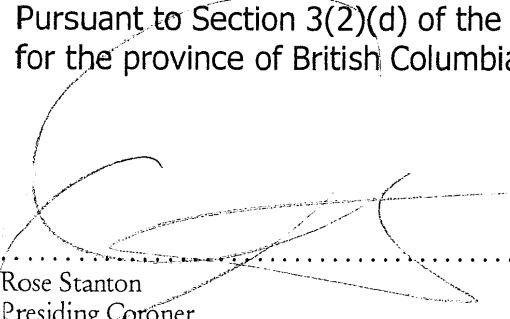
Dr. David Charlesworth performed an autopsy on Ms. Bos on October 31, 2005. The autopsy revealed cerebral swelling, pulmonary edema and a contusion of the tip of the tongue, all features of seizure activity. There was no other evidence of recent trauma. He found no disease process that would have contributed to her death. A wrapped package of white granular foreign material was found in her vagina. This was later tested and found to be cocaine. The contents were dry and the wrapping had not been breached.

Toxicology testing revealed a lethal blood level of cocaine and its metabolite benzoylecgonine. Anhydro-ecgonine, methyl ester was also detected which is an unambiguous indicator of prior use of smoked crack cocaine. Dr. Charlesworth attributed the cause of death to acute cocaine use.

Forensic Toxicologist Dr. Walter Martz gave evidence that oral ingestion of cocaine would delay absorption at least an hour, depending on what food the person had last ingested and how full the stomach was. He concluded by stating the ingestion could have happened prior to or at the time of Ms. Bos's arrest.

Mr. Geddes and Dr. Meyer, who treated Ms. Bos at West Coast General Hospital, stated that knowing she might have swallowed a quantity of cocaine would not have made a difference to their treatment plan. The major presenting medical issue was that she was not breathing.

Pursuant to Section 3(2)(d) of the *Coroners Act*, the following recommendation(s) to the Chief Coroner for the province of British Columbia for distribution to the appropriate person or persons.


Rose Stanton
Presiding Coroner



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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JURY

To: Deputy Commissioner Gary Bass, O.O.M.
"E" Division Headquarters
657 West 37th Ave.
Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K6

1. We recommend more thorough searches be done at the scene before placing the suspect into the back of the police vehicle.
2. We recommend that police officers booking suspects into cells communicate directly to guards any suspicions about drug ingestions.