



VERDICT AT INQUEST

File No.: 2009:0270:0036

An Inquest was held at The Coroners Court, in the municipality of Burnaby

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates March 5th-6th, 2012

before Owen Court, Presiding Coroner,

into the death of KNIGHT Eugene Anthony 47 Male Female
(Last Name, First Name Middle Name) (Age)

and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: September 18, 2009 at 21:48

Place of Death: 102 - 2572 Birch Street Vancouver, BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Multiple Gun Shot Wounds
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b)
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

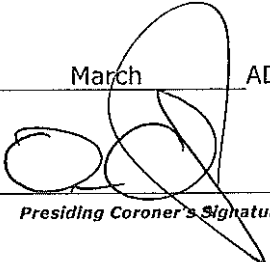
Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last. c)

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 06 day of March AD, 2012.

Owen Court
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name


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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KNIGHT

SURNAME

Eugene Anthony

GIVEN NAMES

PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE INQUEST:

Presiding Coroner: Owen Court
Inquest Counsel: Rodrick MacKenzie
Court Recorder: Verbatim Words West Ltd.
Participants / Counsel: Vancouver Police Department / Bronson Toy

The Sheriff took charge of the Jury and recorded four exhibits. Eleven witnesses were duly sworn and testified.

PRESIDING CORONER'S COMMENTS:

The following is a brief summary of the circumstances of the death as set out in the evidence presented to the Jury at the inquest. The summary is to assist the reader to more fully understand the Verdict. It is not intended to be considered evidence nor is it intended in any way to replace the Jury's Verdict.

Evidence presented to the Jury established that Eugene Knight was a hard working husband and a loving father. The Jury heard that difficult circumstances had caused Mr. Knight to be depressed, somewhat paranoid and to drink excess amounts of alcohol.

The night of September 18, 2009, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) received a 911 call from Mr. Knight's wife, who was inside their apartment. Mrs. Knight reported that Mr. Knight was drunk, paranoid and that he had threatened to kill her with a knife. Four VPD officers immediately attended the Knight residence. One remained outside while the other three entered the building. From the hallway outside the apartment, they heard indications of a physical altercation. The officers gained entry to the suite by kicking the door down.

Once inside, the officers immediately observed Mr. Knight, holding his wife in what was described as a "hostage-like" position with her back to him, his left arm around her and a knife in his right hand, which was pressed against her throat. The Jury heard that Mr. Knight was using his wife as a "shield" between himself and the officers as he backed away from them toward a wall.

Despite repeated commands to drop the knife, Mr. Knight did not do so. One officer deployed a conducted energy weapon on Mr. Knight, which had no effect. When sufficient physical space between Mr. Knight and his wife was created for a brief moment, one officer fired four bullets into Mr. Knight's torso while the other fired two bullets into Mr. Knight's head. Mr. Knight collapsed to the ground and his wife escaped uninjured.

The Jury heard expert evidence from a forensic pathologist, who testified that a total of six bullets were recovered from Mr. Knight's body, including two from the head and four from the torso. The Jury heard expert evidence from a forensic toxicologist that Mr. Knight was intoxicated by both alcohol and marijuana at the time of his death. The Jury made no recommendations.

Owen Court
Vancouver Metro Regional Coroner