



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

COWAN

SURNAME

Cheryl Ann

GIVEN NAMES

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

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates January 11-13, 2016

before: Matthew Brown, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of COWAN Cheryl Ann 58 Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: December 23, 2014 10:05 AM

Place of Death: St. Paul's Hospital Vancouver, BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Anoxic brain injury
Due to or as a consequence of

Antecedent Cause if any: b) Cardiac arrest
Due to or as a consequence of

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

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death: Hypothermia and chronic alcoholism

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 13 day of January AD, 2016

Matthew Brown
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: The Chief Constable and to the Vancouver Police Board

1. That the Vancouver Police Department undertake a review to examine the existing training for police officers and guards with respect to basic first aid and current CPR protocol. This review should consider certification by an independent recognized third party, that this training be mandatory, and that certification be current for all police officers and jail guards.
2. That the Vancouver Police Department undertake a review to determine the placement of security cameras in all wagons (i.e. transport vehicles). This review should include an analysis of other jurisdictions that utilise this equipment and one that provides optimal surveillance and monitoring of the prisoners to ensure their safety and well-being during transport.

To: The Chief Constable, to the Vancouver Police Board and to ROCKDOC Consulting Inc.

3. That scenario-based training covering emergency medical situations that may arise in the jail and transport settings include jail guards, police officers, jail nurses and the jail physicians. This training would cover the duties, responsibilities and authorities of each individual when involved in a medical emergency to ensure that there is a clear understanding of each person's role.