



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

GEORGE

SURNAME

JOCELYN NYNAH MARSHA

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at Capitol Theatre, in the municipality of Port Alberni, in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, and 30, 2021

before: Margaret Janzen, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of George, Jocelyn Nynah Marsha, 18, Male Female

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: June 24, 2016 1920 hours
Place of Death: Royal Jubilee Hospital Victoria, British Columbia

Medical Cause of Death:

- (1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Drug induced myocarditis
Antecedent Cause if any: b) Toxic effects of methamphetamine and cocaine
Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last: c)

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

Classification of Death: [X] Accidental [] Homicide [] Natural [] Suicide [] Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 30 day of June AD, 2021

Margaret Janzen
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

M. Janzen
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: Deputy Commissioner, E-Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

1. Provide training for all members regarding the definition of the age of majority in BC and relevant legislative requirements regarding minors.
2. Create policies to ensure prisoners' access to water in cells is recorded and can be confirmed by supervisory staff.
3. Create policies to ensure that when food is offered, accepted, refused, or consumed by prisoners it is recorded in the guard log book. Reasons for withholding food or water should also be detailed in log book.
4. Ensure members' and guards' training includes mental health and addictions awareness, local cultural awareness, and how to access employee trauma counselling.
5. Ensure that job descriptions and responsibilities for members and guards regarding prisoners are listed and available for all staff to access.
6. Install audio monitoring in cell block corridors of all RCMP detachments in BC within 5 calendar years.
7. Develop policy requiring a release plan to ensure safety of minors upon release from custody.
8. Require members to transport persons in detention to local health facility for assessment when their health status is unclear.
9. Share a copy of this verdict with detachments throughout 'E' Division.



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To: Deputy Commissioner, E-Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

City of Port Alberni

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

First Nations Health Authority

Vancouver Island Health Authority

10. Provide an on-call health care professional to assess detainees in cells.
11. Develop a program to provide appropriate cultural support for detainees.

To: Vancouver Island Health Authority

12. Ensure that a Crisis Response Team is available in Port Alberni on nights and weekends.
13. Ensure an internal medicine specialist is available onsite at West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni.

To: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

14. Provide permanent funding to the Port Alberni Indigenous Safety Team for a full time social worker and youth advocate.

To: City of Port Alberni, OIC Port Alberni RCMP Detachment

15. Implement annual performance reviews, certifications, and training for city employees working as guards at the Port Alberni RCMP detachment.
16. Implement measures to diversify work force.



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To: Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

17. Give special priority to youth facing addiction and mental health issues and the establishment of First Nations operated treatment centres.

To: Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

18. Provide RCMP with cultural diversity supports and support for release planning for Indigenous detainees.

To: Quu'asa

19. Offer trauma informed practice, and seek funding for permanent harm reduction staff including a harm reduction youth worker.

To: Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

City of Port Alberni

Vancouver Island Health Authority

Tseshah First Nation,

Hupacasath First Nation

First Nations Health Authority

20. Collaborate to make an application to "Foundry" to provide services in Port Alberni for local, then regional populations.



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To: Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

City of Port Alberni

- 21.** Advocate for a Justice Centre in the Nuu-chah-nulth territory to address the over-representation of first nations people in custody.

To: Independent Investigations Office

- 22.** Appoint a First Nations civilian monitor in all cases where the affected person is Indigenous.

To: City of Port Alberni

Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Deputy Commissioner

E-Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

- 23.** Seek membership on the board of directors of the Port Alberni Shelter Society Board.

To: Vancouver Island Health Authority

First Nations Health Authority

Ministry of Children and Family Development

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Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Maa-Nulth Nations

Alberni-Quayocot Regional District



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- 24.** Collaborate and create a holistic wellness centre within the Regional District that includes: a safe space for youth, a sobering centre, mental health and addiction beds, certified health care professionals, an on- call physician, certified security guards, and appropriate cultural and spiritual supports.