



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

JOSEPH

SURNAME

Alexander Charles

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at Prince George Law Courts, in the municipality of Prince George

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2021

before: Lyn Blenkinsop, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Joseph Alexander Charles 36 Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: October 4, 2018 late am hours
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: Corrections Vehicle
Highway Highway 97 near Quesnel BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Mixed Drug Overdose
Due to or as a consequence of

Antecedent Cause if any: b) Fentanyl and Methamphetamine
Due to or as a consequence of

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

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 13th day of August AD, 2021

Lyn Blenkinsop
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Lyn Blenkinsop
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: Provincial Director, BC Corrections Branch

1. To review procedures to ensure that 20 minute video checks are logged for each inmate being transported.
2. That when prisoners are being transported, physical wellness checks be undertaken at a safe location at least hourly.
3. Prepare plans for potential emergency situations that could occur during transportation of prisoners and conduct drills on a periodic basis to ensure those plans are adequate.
4. To consider adapting the transportation vehicles in a manner that would provide a safer and more comfortable environment for inmates.

To: The Chief Coroner, BC Coroners Service

5. That consideration be given to updating information regarding the Coroners Inquest process for family and support workers.