



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

Waddell

SURNAME

Edward James

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at The Kelowna Law Courts, in the municipality of Kelowna

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: 12-June-2023 to 21-June-2023

before: Margaret Janzen, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Waddell Edward James 40 Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: 01-April-2017 10:10am
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: RCMP Lock-Up 350 Doyle Avenue Kelowna, BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Fentanyl toxicity

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: Early dilated cardiomyopathy

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 21st day of June AD, 2023

M. Janzen
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: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

1. Provide formal training and certification to municipal lock-up staff through the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) in order to ensure standardization and professionalism. Training should include drug impairment recognition.
2. Establish independent oversight of municipal lock-up staff.
3. Permanently eliminate the practice of prisoners serving intermittent sentences in municipal detachments.

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

4. Investigate modern technologies that will assist lock-up staff to monitor the health and well-being of individuals in custody in municipal detachment cells. For example, Fitbits or thermal imaging to monitor vital signs, iPads for standardized documentation of cell checks.
5. Expand the practice of providing on-site RCMP 'cell CEO's' to supervise cell block operations.
6. Enhance training on procedures relating to thorough searches when booking prisoners to include the review of prisoner logs (i.e., C-13 forms, cell logs) to determine whether a more comprehensive search is required or recommended.
7. Establish a standardized procedure for officers to conduct an appropriate level of search when an individual is suspected to be impaired.