



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

Goulding

SURNAME

Nicholas Patrick James

GIVEN NAMES

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

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: March 11-15, 2024

before: Carolyn Maxwell, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Goulding Nicholas Patrick James 29 Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: October 23, 2019 04:07 AM
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: 20800 block of 72 Avenue Langley
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Cocaine 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:

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 15th day of March AD, 2024

Carolyn Maxwell
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

[Signature]
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: Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

1. Review requirements and regulations for body-worn camera use by law enforcement and accelerate their implementation, if possible.

To: Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister of Health

2. Investigate the viability of expanding the mental health support model — specifically the nurse position embedded in the Operational Command Centre used by the Vancouver Police Department — to all law enforcement agencies in the province and expanding service coverage to around the clock.
3. Conduct a thorough review of the Health IM application including feedback from officer trainers and users, and measure the success of the application in attaining its stated goals, especially reducing hospital wait times.

To: Minister of Health and BC Emergency Health Services

4. Review whether standardization of emergency response terminology would reduce interagency miscommunication and ensure mutually shared response expectations among members of involved agencies.

To: Minister of Health

5. Conduct a review of mental health and substance use services including detox programs to identify potential barriers to clients attempting to access services.
6. Conduct a review of procedures for mental health and substance use outpatient services, including proactive options for service providers to follow up with clients.



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To: BC Emergency Health Services

7. Increase Advanced Life Support Emergency Health Services (ALS) staffing levels to increase coverage to serve all client needs.
8. Investigate the viability of immediate dispatch of ALS to all emergency calls involving or suspected of involving cocaine consumption.

To: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – E Division

9. Review naloxone application procedures to ensure that CPR is used in tandem with naloxone use, when appropriate.
10. Enhance training for all general duty officers to increase their ability to recognize and distinguish behaviours from and responses to classes of drugs, and to differentiate them from panic responses and other special needs of clients.
11. Review training materials for the Incident Management Intervention Model for opportunities to include strategies for interacting with non-verbal individuals.
12. Review operating procedures for communication among officers arriving on scene at different times and clarify decision-making roles between officers first on scene and those subsequently arriving.