

**REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC INQUIRY**

THE FATALITY INQUIRIES ACT

CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

WHEREAS a Public Inquiry was held at The Provincial Court of Alberta

in the City (City, Town, etc.) of Calgary (Name of City, Town, etc.)

on the 10th day of September, 1998 (and by adjournment

on the N/A day of N/A, 19), before

A. P. DEMONG, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury was was not summoned and an Inquiry was held into the death of

DERRICK JOHN MacKINNON (Name in Full) 34 (Age)

of 7412 Ogden Road S.E., Calgary, Alberta (Residence) and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death January 3, 1998 at 0624 hours

Place Foothills Hospital

Medical Cause of Death ("cause of death" means the medical cause of death according to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death as last revised by the International Conference assembled for that purpose and published by the World Health Organization — The Fatality Inquiries Act, Section 1(d))

Acetaminophen toxicity

Manner of Death ("manner of death" means the mode or method of death whether natural, homicidal, suicidal, accidental or undeterminable — The Fatality Inquiries Act, Section 1(g))

Cause of death undetermined.

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CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED

Derrick John MacKinnon, a 34 year old male, was picked up by the Calgary Police Service outside a residence in the Bowness area of Calgary at 7:00 a.m. on January 1, 1998. He appeared cold and apparently had been locked out. He was thought to be intoxicated and taken to the Arrest Processing Unit where he was booked into custody as a drunk. At 0800 he was placed in restraining chair cell number 15 with an altered level of consciousness perceived to be due to alcohol and drugs. His glucose level was measured. Mr. MacKinnon was noted to be jaundiced. He was sent to Foothills Hospital with a paramedic at 1435 hours. At Foothills Hospital Mr. MacKinnon was diagnosed as being in severe liver failure and died in the early morning hours of January 3rd, 1998.

An external examination was performed, and a biopsy done of the liver. The liver microscopy showed massive zonal necrosis consistent with acetaminophen toxicity. Mr. MacKinnon had a former history of hepatitis B, and patients who are known to have liver damage tend to be very sensitive to acetaminophen toxicity, a poison which damages the liver and causes death.

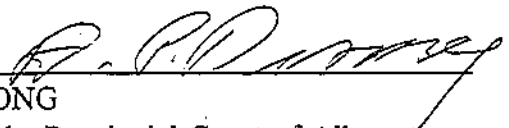
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

No recommendations made.

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DATED this 19th day of July, 2000.


A.P. DEMONG
A Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta