

December 18, 2020

Dennis Cooley, PhD
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Dear Associate Deputy Minister Cooley:

**Subject: Jason Sinclair Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendations**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge T.D. DePoe's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. This report will be publicly released on January 18, 2021.

The following recommendations made by Judge DePoe may impact Solicitor General:

1. The Justice and Solicitor General Training Academy module dealing with excited delirium needs to be revised and updated, keeping in mind the critique offered by Dr. Hall. A review of her evidence, as well as her very detailed chapter in the Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Volume 2 dealing with excited delirium, should be undertaken.
2. All correctional and law enforcement personnel need better training to recognize the symptoms of excited delirium. As well, they should be trained that the earliest possible medical intervention is required.
3. In the prison setting, it is important that paramedics be on scene when a potential case of excited delirium presents itself, so that medical treatment can begin the moment the subject is under control.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Solicitor General accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendations;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If Solicitor General intends to accept the recommendations, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, please be advised that any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

<https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations>.

If a response has not been received by May 15, 2021, (four months from the public release date) that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,



 Jennifer Stengel
Acting Inquiry Counsel

Enclosure