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Ms. Shalee Kushnerick  
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Dear Ms. Kushnerick:

**Subject: Aldo Digiacommo – Public Fatality Inquiry  
Response to Recommendations**

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Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge Gordon G. Yake's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. This report is scheduled for public release on April 10, 2018.

The following recommendations made by Judge Yake may impact Alberta Health Services:

- (a) a comprehensive CCTV system should be set up to monitor the exterior grounds to which patients have access, with specific policy developed to ensure 24 hour monitoring and recording;
- (b) lighting of the exterior grounds should be improved to aid searchers at night and to aid night time CCTV recording of the exterior grounds;
- (c) staff members who are assigned to conduct searches should receive training in search and rescue techniques from qualified search and rescue instructors; and
- (d) a regular schedule of security patrols of the exterior grounds should be established and sufficient qualified security personnel should be hired to meet that schedule.

I ask that you please advise the following:

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

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, 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 August 10, 2018, that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Fuchinsky  
Fatality Inquiry Coordinator  
Enclosure