

**REPORT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC INQUIRY
THE FATALITY INQUIRIES ACT**

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WHEREAS a Public Inquiry was held at the Court House

in the Town of Edson, Alberta
(City, Town, etc.) (Name of City, Town, etc.)

on the 4th day of October, 1991 ~~and to ascertain~~

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Raymond W. Bradley, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury was was not summoned and an Inquiry was held into the death of
Kenneth Floyd FRENCH 38 years
(Name in Full) (Age)

of Edson, Alberta and the following findings were made:
(Residence)

Date and Time of Death approximately 1:00 A.M., May 1, 1991

Place Edson, Alberta

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))

Asphyxia

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))

Suicidal

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CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED

The deceased died due to strangulation by a piece of garment (shirt)
which occurred while the deceased was alone in a cell known as the "Drunk
Tank" at the Edson , Alberta R.C.M.P. Detachment following his arrest
for assault.

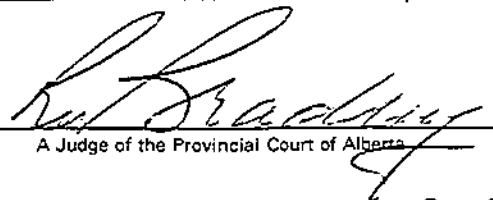
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

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DATED this 15th day of November, 1991.


A Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

The evidence indicates consideration of the following recommendations may assist in the prevention of similar deaths:

- (1) Any structural elements in cells which could be utilized by prisoners attempting suicide should be eliminated. Although the cell in question is relatively modern, evidence indicated further improvements are available using what was referred to as "straight wall construction".
 - (2) Preferably all prisoners should be subject to continuous observation by guards in person or by means of electronic surveillance.
 - (3) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (in full) masks should be readily available and prominently displayed in all cell areas. It should be noted that this recommendation has already been implemented at the Edson Detachment.
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