



Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Public Fatality Inquiry

Fatality Inquiries Act

WHEREAS a Public Inquiry was held at The Court 320 - 4th Street South in the City of Lethbridge on the 29th day of November, (and by adjournment on the day of before Eric W. Peterson, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury was not summoned and an inquiry was held into the death of Ravi Sheena of Lethbridge Correctional Centre, Bag 3001, Lethbridge and the following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: November 9th, 2000 at 1437 hours

Place: Lethbridge Regional Hospital, Lethbridge, 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)).

Head Injuries

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(h)).

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**Circumstances under which Death occurred:**

The deceased was at the time of his death, a remand inmate at the Lethbridge Correctional Centre. At approximately 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of November, 2000, while in the weightlifting exercise area of the gymnasium, the deceased was attacked by another inmate who struck him repeatedly on the head with a metal bar which had been removed from a weight machine. Ravi Sheena died as a result of the head injuries he sustained in this homicidal attack.

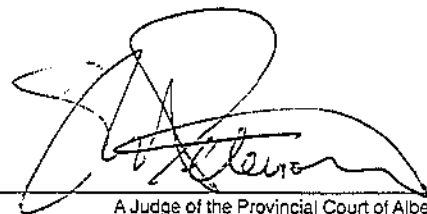
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**Recommendations for the prevention of similar deaths:**

In areas of the Correctional Centre occupied in common by inmates, it is important to ensure that devices or materials which could be used as a weapon are not available to inmates. In this case, precautions had been taken to prevent the bar in question being detached from the weight machine, but despite that, an inmate was able to detach it. I have no specific recommendation to make in this regard but simply reiterate the general recommendation that exercise equipment needs to be selected and maintained in such a way as to prevent parts from being detached for potential use as a weapon.

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DATED this 10th  
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A Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta