

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

CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

WHEREAS a Public Inquiry was held at The Law Courts Building
in the City of Edmonton
(City, Town, etc.) (Name of City, Town, etc.)
on the 7th day of October, 1991 (and by adjournment
on the 8th, 9th & 10th day of October, 1991), before
Peter M. Caffaro, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury was was not summoned and an Inquiry was held into the death of
RANDY ALEXANDER LONG 20 years
(Name in Full) (Age)

of 10930 - 124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta and the following findings were made:
(Residence)

Date and Time of Death April 28, 1990, 03:16 hours

Place Royal Alexandra 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))

Gunshot wound to the chest which perforated the heart, liver, stomach,
left kidney and left lung before exiting.

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))

Accidental

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CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED

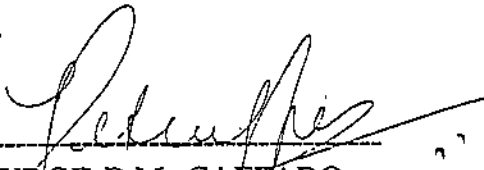
A call was received at 02:28 on the 28th of April, 1990 from a person identifying herself as Shannon Stuart co-vivant of the deceased complaining the deceased had threatened her with a knife and assaulted her and was threatening to kill himself. The deceased was in an intoxicated state and had already been convicted in British Columbia of assault in a similar altercation with his co-vivant and police. There was a small child of 16 months in the apartment where the deceased at this time was located and from whence he had made the threats. Constables Gary Dzioba, by regimental number badge 1607 and Allan Davis, badge number 1667 were dispatched to the apartment which was at 10930 - 124 Street, where they arrived at 02:45 hours having been dispatched at 02:38 hours. Within two minutes, the Constables arriving on the scene had radioed back to communications advising them about the deceased and the fact that he had a knife and Constables Paul Jones, number 1617 and Constable Bob Hassel, regimental number 1681 were dispatched to help. Constable Gunderson was also dispatched from a dog unit at some later time. Within four minutes of the Constables Dzioba and Davis arriving at the apartment an ambulance was requested. The evidence from the complainant is that she had left to purchase some cigarettes, the deceased had been out drinking and had returned home in her absence. He commenced to randomly slash the furniture with a knife. The complainant left the apartment and took refuge in a neighbouring apartment of Irene Chipchura hoping that he would calm down and/or pass out. As her sixteen month old son was still sleeping in the apartment the complainant went down to the apartment that she occupied with the deceased to attempt to retrieve her son at which time the deceased was talking about hanging himself with his belt and he hit the complainant causing a large welt on her back. He then grabbed the complainant and told her to watch him kill himself. The complainant then ran back to the apartment and telephoned the police. The deceased then came up to the apartment of Irene Chipchura with whom the complainant had taken refuge, kicked the door and said he wanted to fight with Irene's boyfriend. At this point, the police arrived and confronted the deceased in the hallway and told him to get his hands out of his pockets. The deceased did so but one hand came out holding a knife. The deceased then ran through the building, out on to the front of the street. He ripped his shirt off, barechested stood in front of the apartment with a knife, provoking the officers by calling them pigs and using other foul language. The officers meanwhile responding, telling him to calm down and cool off. He slashed himself several times in the chest, danced into the street and back onto the pavement several times being shadowed by Constable Dzioba who by this time knew that he was armed with a knife. Constable Davis also participated in staling Randy Long, hoping that they would be in a position to disarm him physically or by the use of the baton strike the arm or hand area in which he was holding the knife. However, the knife was more than just a pocket knife and it was deemed dangerous to attempt any kind of a ruse procedure which would be the use of minimal force, pursuant to the Edmonton Police Service Policy Manual. The deceased paid no attention to numerous verbal commands directed to him. Because the knife he produced was a hunting knife type of weapon, the use of the baton was abandoned and Constable Dzioba drew his sidearm, Randy Long had good balance, was agile and capable of moving very quickly and

seemed in an excited state. Constable Davis had seen the accused leap onto the planter and slash his chest. The accused and Constable Dzioba, shadowed by Constable Davis then found themselves out on 124 Street necessitating the traffic disruption. Constable Dzioba asked Randy Long at least 24 times to drop the knife. The distance between them closed to approximately 10 feet and he was getting closer. Suddenly Randy Long lunged at Constable Dzioba, arm extended from the body a little above the waist, pointed the knife directly at him. Constable Dzioba testified he believed he had no other alternative than to shoot which he did. At the time Randy Long was shot he was approximately five feet and closing to where Constable Dzioba stood. The accused then grabbed his chest and with his shoulders hunched ran towards the apartment building and stumbling made his way into the apartment building collapsing inside the front door on his chest. Constable Davis turned him over and put him in the position that his airway was open for him to breath and immediately sent for an ambulance. The ambulance authority personnel arrived at approximately 02:59 a.m. and performed CPR and the accused was transported in an ambulance to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, arriving there at 3:05 a.m., placed immediately in the operating room and hospital personnel began work on him and at 3:16 a.m. he was announced dead on arrival.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

All the dispatched Constables, Dzioba and Davis followed necessary procedure as laid out in the Police Procedure Manual. Given his earlier assault charges, the continuing relationship with Shannon Stuart, the deceased was a time bomb ready to explode at any time. No blame therefore can be attached to either of the arresting Constables. The deceased was in an abnormal state of mind, in a frenzy induced by over consumption of alcohol which seems to have created in him an almost suicidal wish to die, triggered by the domestic quarrel he had with his co-vivant. The only recommendation would be that the police be armed with some intermediate weapon such as pepper mace or Cap-Stun in these domestic type situations.

DATED this 17th date of December, 1991.



JUDGE P.M. CAFFARO,
A Judge of the Provincial Court of
Alberta.