

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  
in the City of Medicine Hat  
(City, Town, etc.) (Name of City, Town, etc.)  
on the 17th day of December, 1993 ~~(XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)~~  
~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ before  
The Honourable Judge L.B. Hogan, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury  was  was not summoned and an Inquiry was held into the death of  
MATTHEW HARVEY 36  
(Name in Full) (Age)  
of Remand Centre, Medicine Hat, Alberta and the following findings were made:  
(Residence)  
Date and Time of Death July 21st, 1993 0815 hours  
Place Medicine hat, 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))  
Clinical anoxical encephalopathy secondary to hanging injury

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))  
Suicide

CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURED

The deceased was being held in remand custody for a serious Criminal Code offence when he hanged himself by bending a light switch plate away from the wall and attached a pillow slip cover to the bent place and knotted the other end around his neck and slid down towards the floor in a sitting position.


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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

No recommendation to change Remand procedures, which I find were very extensive and thorough. The only recommendation would be to have all cell light switch plates replaced with non-pliable or bendable material.

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DATED this 27th day of January, 19 94

  
A Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta