

**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 Edmonton
(City, Town, etc.) (Name of City, Town, etc.)
on the 16th day of December, 1991 (and by adjournment
on the _____ day of _____, 19____), before
D. C. Abbott, a Provincial Court Judge.

A jury was was not summoned and an Inquiry was held into the death of
LESLIE COURTOREILLE 24
(Name in Full) (Age)
of 702 Abbottsfield Rd., Edmonton, Alberta and the following findings were made:
(Residence)
Date and Time of Death July 15, 1991 between 12:00 midnight and 2:00 a.m.
Place Edmonton Remand Centre, 9660 - 104 Avenue, Edmonton, 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 due to hanging.

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

CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED

Shortly after 7:35 a.m. on July 15, 1991, a Correctional Officer at the Edmonton Remand Centre entered a cell in Unit 4C and found the deceased hanging beneath a desk fixed to the wall of the cell. The deceased had made a noose from a bed sheet and attached it to a bracket designed to attach the desk to the wall and had placed his neck in the noose. He had strung his shoe laces to the underside of the desk and placed his feet in the loop made by the shoe laces. When found, the accused's body was in a fairly advanced state of rigor mortis, indicating that he had been dead for several hours. The deceased, who was in custody awaiting the disposition of a number of criminal charges, left a "suicide note"

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR DEATHS

In view of the changes made to the "Counts of Offenders" Policy Directive of The Alberta Solicitor General, Correctional Services Division since the death of Leslie Courtoreille I have no recommendations in this area. I would recommend that when any person is booked in to the Edmonton Remand Centre, the fact that on any previous attendance there revealed any indication of threats or tendencies to commit suicide should be available to the Remand Centre staff involved in the booking-in process and brought to the attention of all staff in any way involved in dealing with the prisoner while that person remains in custody.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 1992.



D. C. ABBOTT
A Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta