



VERDICT AT CORONERS INQUEST

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONER'S INQUEST PURSUANT TO SECTION 38 OF THE CORONERS ACT, [SBC 2007] c 15, INTO THE DEATH OF

CHAN

SURNAME

NICOLE CHUN WAI

GIVEN NAMES

An Inquest was held at The Burnaby Coroners Court, in the municipality of Burnaby

in the Province of British Columbia, on the following dates: January 23 to February 1, 2023

before: Susan Barth, Presiding Coroner.

into the death of Chan Nicole Chun Wai 30 Male Female
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Age)

The following findings were made:

Date and Time of Death: January 27th, 2019 Between 0000 and 0745 hours
(Date) (time)

Place of Death: 910 - 1708 Columbia Street Vancouver, BC
(Location) (Municipality/Province)

Medical Cause of Death:

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Anoxic brain injury

Due to or as a consequence of

Antecedent Cause if any: b) Occlusion of the blood vessels to the neck

Due to or as a consequence of

Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last. c) Ligature strangulation

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

Classification of Death: Accidental Homicide Natural Suicide Undetermined

The above verdict certified by the Jury on the 1st day of February AD, 2023

Susan Barth
Presiding Coroner's Printed Name

Sy Barth
Presiding Coroner's Signature

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Pursuant to Section 38 of the Coroners Act, the following recommendations are forwarded to the Chief Coroner of the Province of British Columbia for distribution to the appropriate agency:

JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

To: Vancouver General Hospital, Access and Assessment Centre (AAC)

1. Recommend that policy ensures that the attending doctor has direct communications with paramedics, police officers, and/or friends and family members in attendance.
2. Review physician's ability to access to historical patient information from all sources.
3. Develop a process to ensure the attending doctor can take phone calls from community healthcare providers.

To: Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department

4. Mandatory psychological clinical interviews should be a part of every potential police officers' recruitment process whereby the psychologist's recommendations are considered.
5. Ensure respectful workplace training is mandatory, rigorous, in-person, and on a regular basis for all ranks of police officers.
6. Training specific to promotions should include formal administrative and management training.
7. Have a human resource or peer support case representative in regular contact with all employees with mental health issues, and the family and/or support circle if permitted by the employee, to establish and build a relationship and provide continuity of care.
8. Annual psychological check-ins with a psychologist should be mandatory for all police officers.
9. The respectful workplace policy should recognize rumours and gossip as an example of unprofessional behaviour.
10. Police officers in the human resources department should receive specific training relative to the duties of a human resources professional.



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11. Ensure each section within the human resources department works interdependently rather than independently of each other.

To: Minister of Health

12. Consider integrating a specific database containing medical records of patients who have suicidal ideations across all health authorities.