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Verdict of Coroner's Jury Verdict du jury du coroner

We the undersigned **A.B.** of **Toronto**
 Nous soussigné **L.C.** of **Toronto**
C.A. of **Toronto**
R.B. of **Toronto**
T.G. of **Toronto**

the jury serving on the inquest into the death of / dûment assermentés, formant le jury dans l'enquête sur le décès de:

Surname / Nom de famille **HAUGHTON** | Given names / Prénom **Dwight Wayne**

aged **32** held at the Coroner's Inquest Courts, 15 Grosvenor St. Toronto, Ontario
 âgé(e) de qui a été menée à

from the **18th. July** to the **22nd. July** 20 **05**
 du a la

By Dr. **David H. Evans** Coroner for Ontario
 Par coroner pour l'Ontario

having been duly sworn, have inquired into and determined the following: / avons enquêté et avons déterminé ce qui suit:

1. Name of deceased **Dwight Wayne HAUGHTON**
 Nom du (de la) défunt(e)
2. Date and time of death **January 5, 2003 11:38 a.m.**
 Date et heure du décès
3. Place of Death **Humber River Regional Hospital, Finch Street Site**
 Lieu de décès
4. Cause of death **Cocaine Toxicity**
 Cause du décès
5. By what means **Accident**
 Circonstances entourant le décès

Original signed by: Foreman/Président du jury _____

 Original signed by jurors/jurés

The verdict was received on the **22** day of **July** 20 **05**
 Ce verdict a été reçu par moi le

Original signed by Coroner _____

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DWIGHT WAYNE HAUGHTON Inquest.

JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

These Recommendations are not necessarily in order of priority.

To the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Policing Standards Advisory Committee:

(1) That, where it is not in existence, the Policing Standards Advisory Committee consider police services in Ontario to supplement the visual monitoring of people in police division cells with audio monitoring.

Rationale: It is understood based on the evidence that, while in holding, a prisoners' only means of audible communication with members of the police services are through loud noises. We believe that not all prisoners would be in a position to attract the attention of members of the police services through this means or in a manner that would have been audible in areas that are not in close proximity.

(2) That, where it is not in existence, the Policing Standards Advisory Committee consider police services in Ontario implement the audio/visual recording of people being held in police custody specifically within division cells.

Rationale: The jury is of the opinion that the events leading to the death of the deceased may have been clearer had there been audio/visual recording of all the events that occurred in the Police Division facility. Such recordings may lead to more accurate understanding of events and where improvements may be made in policies and procedures to protect both members of the public and police services.

To the Chief of Police of the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Police Services Board:

(3) That the Chief of Police of the Toronto Police Service and Toronto Police Services Board consider whether Toronto Police Service Policy 03-01 - Persons Detained in Custody, should include a provision requiring that the regular cell checks referred to in Rule 3.7.3 include a check of a cell before and after a person is lodged in it.

Rationale: Based on the evidence that was presented, it is understood that prison division cells are not checked before and after a prisoner is lodged in it. Thus, an opportunity may present itself for prisoners to discard of evidence that may be of use in investigations or inquiries. In addition, this may allow future prisoners to come into contact with contraband that could be used to harm themselves or members of the police services.

(4) That the Chief of Police of the Toronto Police Service and Toronto Police Services Board consider collaborating with harm reduction agencies and organizations in Ontario to create and post signage in booking halls of police services in Ontario to visually inform prisoners of the risk of not disclosing the consumption of prescribed or unprescribed substances. And to incorporate the reading of such signage in the responsibilities of the Officer in Charge as outlined in Toronto Police Service Policy 01-04 - Persons Brought into Custody.

Rationale: It is in the opinion of the jury that prisoners should be given an opportunity to be fully informed of the consequences of their decisions to conceal prescribed or unprescribed substances from the police. This information should be provided to further protect the safety of the prisoner and members of the police service who may come in contact with someone that had consumed through various means, prescribed or unprescribed substances for the purpose of concealment. As presented by the evidence, prisoners are informed of the video recording of their arrest and thus, at that time should also be informed by the OIC and signage, of the need to fully disclose any consumption of prescribed or unprescribed substances for the sake of their protection.

To provincial government agencies mandated to protect population health and prevent death of members of the public (such as the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care).

(5) That, where it is not in existence, provincial government agencies mandated to protect public health and prevent death of members of the public, should consider the design and implementation of an educational campaign about risks and fatal consequences of 'stuffing/packaging' drugs.

Rationale: It is understood from the evidence, that individuals may 'stuff / pack' controlled substances for the purposes of concealment without a clear understanding of the risk that this may pose to their health. Thus, it is in the opinion of the jury, that to prevent future occurrences of this nature, members of the community, should be provided with more information about the risk and fatal consequences of such actions. It is the knowledge of the jurors that agencies and organizations do exist with a mandate to minimize, without judgement, harmful and potentially fatal results of these actions.