



Ministry of Justice

Case No.: 2013-0372-0182

CORONER'S REPORT INTO THE DEATH OF

MONTEITH SURNAME

CORY ALLAN MICHAEL GIVEN NAMES

OF LOS ANGELES, CA, USA

MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

I, Claire Thompson, a Coroner in the Province of British Columbia, have investigated the death of the above named, which was reported to the BC Coroners Service on the 13th day of July, 2013, and as a result of such investigation have determined the following facts and circumstances:

Gender: [X] MALE [] FEMALE
Age: 31 YEARS
Death Premise: HOTEL
Place/Municipality of Death: VANCOUVER Date of Death: JULY 13, 2013
Municipality of Illness/Injury: VANCOUVER Time of Death: EARLY AM HOURS

MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Combined Heroin And Alcohol Toxicity

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b)

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

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

By WHAT MEANS Intravenous heroin use in combination with ingestion of alcohol.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATH [X] ACCIDENTAL [] HOMICIDE [] NATURAL [] SUICIDE [] UNDETERMINED

Date Signed: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Claire Thompson signature
Claire Thompson, Coroner
Province of British Columbia



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INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

At approximately 1200 hours on July 13th, 2013, Mr. Cory Allan Michael Monteith was found unresponsive in his hotel room at the Vancouver Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel. Emergency Health Services were notified and attended the scene. Mr. Monteith was clearly deceased and resuscitation was not attempted. Vancouver Police notified the Coroners Service of the death and an investigation ensued. Mr. Monteith was found in a collapsed position on the hotel room floor. There was no trauma or injury observed and there was no evidence of foul play. It appeared that Mr. Monteith had been dead for several hours. An examination of the scene revealed drug paraphernalia including a spoon with drug residue and a used hypodermic needle. There were also two empty champagne bottles and multiple glasses located on a nearby table.

Mr. Monteith had checked into the Pacific Rim Hotel on July 6th, 2013. Nothing remarkable was reported about his stay. Hotel video footage showed Mr. Monteith returning to his room at 0216 hours on July 13th. He was alone at the time and not seen by anyone thereafter. When Mr. Monteith failed to check out later that afternoon, staff entered his locked room and found him unresponsive.

Mr. Monteith had a history of illicit drug use with intermittent periods of rehabilitation and abstinence from drugs. The periods of abstinence ranged from years to months in duration.

POSTMORTEM/TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATION

An autopsy found no evidence of fatal injury, illness or disease.

Toxicological analysis revealed the presence of ethyl alcohol at a level of 0.13%; consistent with a moderate level of intoxication. Toxicology also detected the presence of morphine, codeine and 6-monoacetyl morphine (an unambiguous metabolite of heroin).

Alcohol and heroin are both central nervous system and respiratory depressants. In combination, these drugs can cause sedation and death. Heroin is classified as an opioid drug; individuals typically build up a concentration tolerance to this type of drug over time. After a period of cessation from opioid drug use, a previously tolerated drug concentration level may become toxic and fatal.

CONCLUSION

I find that Cory Allan Michael Monteith died in Vancouver on July 13, 2013 of combined heroin and alcohol toxicity. I classify this death as accidental and make no recommendations.

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Claire Thompson, Coroner
Province of British Columbia