Verdict of Coroner’s Jury
Office of the Chief Coroner
The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

Surname: Mladen (Steve) Mesic
Given names: Mladen (Steve)
Aged: 45

Held at: Hamilton
From the: Monday June 2nd, 2014
To the: Monday June 16, 2014
By: Dr. Jack Stanborough, Coroner for Ontario
having been duly sworn/affirmed, have inquired into and determined the following:

Name of Deceased: Mladen (Steve) Mesic
Date and Time of Death: Friday June 7th 2013 at 9:40 a.m.
Place of Death: Southwest corner of Upper Wentworth and the Lincoln Alexander Parkway
Cause of Death: Multiple penetrating gunshot wounds of the torso.
By what means: Undetermined

(original signed by Foreman and Jurors)

This verdict was received on the 16th day of June, 2014
Coroner’s Name: Dr. Jack Stanborough
(original signed by Coroner)

We, the jury, wish to make the following recommendations:

Inquest into the death of:
Mladen (Steve) Mesic
Jury Recommendations
To St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton

1. We recommend that St. Joseph's Hospital review its client observation process, and monitor staff adherence to this process including the use of electronic documentation device (Tough book), in the Mental Health and Addiction Program. We suggest that the hospital consider enhanced identification measures such as the possibility of using arm band bar-code scanning system or including patient photos in client profiles to facilitate accurate observations, increase meaningful interactions between staff and clients and provide precise documentation of client location.

2. We recommend that St. Joseph's Hospital develop a specific policy for the Mental Health and Addiction Program in order to provide direction to staff in the management of "Off Ward Passes" and for voluntary clients who do not return, and that this program be reviewed by staff and doctors annually.

3. We recommend that St. Joseph's Hospital standardize the transfer of primary responsibility between physicians and that this information be included as part of the permanent client record.

4. We recommend that where family involvement is accepted by the clients, that St. Joseph's Mental Health and Addiction Program increase communication with the family as to the plan of care prior to the expiration or change of a "form 1" and/or "form 3"

Ontario Police College:

1. We recommend that the Ontario Police College include training by consumers/survivors of mental health services when providing EDP (Emotionally Disturbed Persons) training.

2. We suggest that the events surrounding Mr. Mesic's death be included in scenario training at the Ontario Police College.

The Hamilton Police Services

1. We recommend that the Hamilton Police Service receive additional EDP training (annually) by consumer/survivors of mental health services, due to the statistics supporting the amount of police calls dealing with EDP within Hamilton.

2. We recommend that Hamilton Police Service consider the feasibility of radio prompts in addition to MDT messages to alert officers of persons displaying self harm and harm to others.

3. We recommend that the Hamilton Police Services study the results of the current project being piloted by Toronto Police Services with respect to lapel cameras. If the results warrant, then we recommend the program be introduced to Hamilton Police Services.

All Police Services within Ontario

1. We recommend that the all Police Services in Ontario provide Subject Officers mandatory "Re-Certification" of "use of force" training and mandatory consultations with psychologists prior to returning to work after lethal use of force scenarios.