Verdict of Coroner’s Jury
Office of the Chief Coroner

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

Surname: Ingram
Given names: Gregory Jonathan
Aged: 33

Held at: Ottawa
From the: 22, 23 and 24 of October 2014
To the: 19th of November 2014
By: Dr. Robert Reddoch, Coroner for Ontario
having been duly sworn/affirmed, have inquired into and determined the following:

Name of Deceased: Gregory Jonathan Ingram
Date and Time of Death: June 24, 2009 at 2030 hours
Place of Death: The Ottawa Hospital General Campus
Cause of Death: Hypoxic brain damage due to cardiorespiratory arrest due to obstruction of the upper airway by a foreign object.
By what means: Accident

This verdict was received on the 19th day of November, 2014
Coroner’s Name: Dr. Robert Reddoch
(original signed by Coroner)

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

Inquest into the death of:
Gregory Jonathan Ingram
Jury Recommendations

To the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre

1. It is recommended that all staff be regularly reminded of the search policies in place and be required to properly document all searches of inmates and cells.
2. It is recommended that a review of medical staffing practices at the OCDC be undertaken with the goal of having a minimum of two sufficiently trained medical staff on duty at all times.
3. It is recommended that a review be undertaken with respect to ongoing education and training of medical and corrections staff, with particular consideration being given to periodic emergency situation training exercises.

To the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

4. It is recommended that consideration be given to assigning a drug-sniffing canine unit full time to the OCDC for the purpose of detecting and deterring drug contraband within the institution.
5. It is recommended that the Ministry consider the implementation of Recommendations 1-4 above, if and where appropriate across the other correctional institutions.