Verdict of Coroner’s Jury
Office of the Chief Coroner

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

Surname: Catunto
Given names: John
Aged: 43

Held at: 85 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario
From the: 8th of December 2014
To the: 12th of December 2014
By: Dr. John Ewen, Coroner for Ontario
having been duly sworn/affirmed, have inquired into and determined the following:

Name of Deceased: John Catunto
Date and Time of Death: March 9, 2011 at 10:34 am
Place of Death: Grand River Hospital, Kitchener, Ontario
Cause of Death: Blunt force trauma of the torso due to an industrial accident
(construction site).
By what means: Accident

(original signed by Foreman and Jurors)

This verdict was received on the 12th day of December, 2014
Coroner’s Name: Dr. John Ewen
(original signed by Coroner)

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

Inquest into the death of:
John Catunto
Jury Recommendations

To the Ministry of Labour (MOL), construction companies and crane Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEM”)  

1. Consider implementing the recommendations by the industry working group for cranes.  
2. We recommend expediting the above recommendations.  
3. Consider recertification at set intervals throughout the career of all crane operators.  
4. Consider certifying all maintenance or installation personnel by the crane OEM.  
5. Each company employing persons working with cranes shall have a procedure outlining how dunnage shall be removed from hoisted materials.  
6. For cranes currently in service, we recommend an inspection frequency based on the age of the crane.  
7. Consider including in the proposed recommendations of the industry working group, the requirement to ensure compliance with any OEM recommendations and requirements.  
8. Consider running the crane through a safety checklist whenever a crane has been idle for a period of time, with focus on times when the crane is operating during adverse weather conditions.  
9. We recommend an obligation to notify the crane OEM of any malfunction.  
10. For cranes currently in service, optimize the reliability of the components comprising the crane control system.  
11. Consider ensuring that all components that can be negatively impacted by weather be appropriately guarded.