



**Jury Findings**

**THIS IS AN EXTRACT OF THE JURY REPORT FILED AT THE INQUEST  
RESPECTING THE DEATH OF MORRIS ERMINE WHICH WAS  
CONDUCTED AUGUST 11-13, 2014 AT PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN**

The 6 person jury inquired into the death of the above named and their findings are as follows:

**Name of Deceased:** Morris Ermine  
**Date of Death:** July 21, 2012 19:02 hours  
**Place of Death:** Royal University Hospital, 103 Hospital Dr., Saskatoon, SK  
**Cause of Death:** Acute pneumonia  
**By What Means:** Natural Causes

**Recommendations:**

**1. To the Prince Albert Police Service:**

We agree and support recommendations made by Staff Sergeant [sic] Brent McDonald's letter dated March 18, 2013, which include:

- i) Recommendation – implement mandatory recertification training for police members in CPR/First Aid and AED.
- ii) Recommendation – in the future the Detox staff should make a clear decision whether they are refusing admission to their Centre. Until such a decision is made the police should turn the subject over to Detox staff.
- iii) Recommendation – the Sergeant on duty should be notified of any absence from guard watch to ensure coverage during a guard or matron's absence.
- iv) Recommendation – a copy of the current policy pertaining to Prisoners and Guard/Matron duties should be stored in hardcopy format at the observation posts in the cell block for review of detention personnel. Current policy should be amended to include that guards/matrons must remain at their designated post and not leave unless authorized by the Duty Sergeant. The Prisoner Activity Sheet should be modified to capture security and reusability checks as per current policy.

v) Recommendation – collaboration between agencies and the government to find suitable alternatives to deal with alcoholism to ensure the safety of intoxicated persons.

vi) Recommendation – in the future cautionary flags (i.e. medical alert) should be generated to flag potential health concerns of persons who may be held in police custody for the awareness of detention personnel who are responsible for the health and safety of persons in custody. The presence of any such flags should be relayed to the civilian detention staff who do not have access to the RMS.

**2. To the Prince Albert Police Service:**

We recommend that Guards should also be trained in Basic First Aid/CPR/AED and recertification emphasized.

**3. To the Parkland Health Region, Prince Albert – Brief & Social Detox Program:**

We recommend that staff at Detox put in writing when they refuse/decline a client/prisoner, and supply police with a copy.

**4. To the Prince Albert Police Service in regard to Community Mobilization Program:**

We concur with the Pilot Project (CMP) to assist with social problems within our community.

We commend Prince Albert Police Service for work already implemented to help improve health and welfare of prisoners. We recommend continued financial resources to this goal.

**4. To the Parkland Health Region, Prince Albert – Brief & Social Detox Program:**

We recommend that they expand their capacity, equipment and qualified staff.

**5. To the Prince Albert Police Service:**

We recommend that communication devices be upgraded (ie: talk from cells to dispatch without having to move) and cameras be on 24/7 and record audio as well as visual.

**6. To the Parkland Health Region, Prince Albert:**

We recommend that they try to secure a cardiologist and ability to do angiograms within Prince Albert.