



HM Coroner findings re Operation Rochester inquests

The Coroner in addressing the jury asked them to consider three questions in relation to the death of each individual person.

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1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased?

If the answer was No then that was the end of the matter. If the answer was yes then they could proceed to question two.

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes?

If the answer was yes then they could proceed to question three.

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering?

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The decision of the jury for each person is detailed below.

Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN

Medical cause of death 1A Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage.

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **Yes**

If Yes

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes? **Yes**

If Yes

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering? **No**

Elsie Lillian DEVINE

Medical cause of death 1A Chronic Renal Failure.
1B Amoloydosis.
1C IgA Paraprotenaemia

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **Yes**

If Yes

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes? **Yes**

If Yes

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering? **No**

Robert Caldwell WILSON

Medical cause of death 1A Congestive Cardiac Failure.
2 Alcoholic Cirrhosis.

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **Yes**

If Yes

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes? **Yes**

If Yes

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering? **No**

Arthur Denis Brian CUNNINGHAM

Medical cause of death 1A Bronchopneumonia.
1B Sacral ulcer
2 Parkinson's disease.

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **Yes**

If Yes

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes? **Yes**

If Yes

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering? **Yes**

Elsie Hester LAVENDER

Medical cause of death 1A High Cervical cord injury

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **Yes**

If Yes

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes? **Yes**

If Yes

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering? **Yes**

Enid Phyllis Dormer SPURGIN

Medical cause of death 1A Infected wound.
2 Fractured right hip repaired 20.3.99

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **No**

Shelia Rosemary GREGORY

Medical cause of death 1A Pulmonary Embolus.
2 Fractured neck of femur.

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **No**

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Medical cause of death 1A Bronchopneumonia.
2 Severe Depression

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **No**

Helena Frances SERVICE

Medical cause of death 1A Congestive Heart Failure.

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased? **No**

Ruby Josephine Dorothea LAKE

Medical cause of death 1A Bronchopneumonia.
2 Fractured neck of Femur repaired 5.8.98.

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