

**INQUEST REPORT**


AN INQUEST was held at 2134 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025 before Presiding Coroner Michael Egilson, who was appointed by Chief Coroner Heather Jones under Section 11 of the *Coroners Act* and who acted under Section 48 of that Act.

The undersigned Presiding Coroner and:

  
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Foreperson

  
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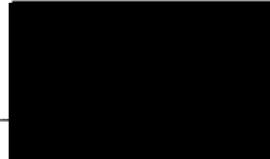





  
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being charged to inquire when, where, how and by what means the deceased came to his/her/their death, do find that the deceased \_\_\_Hugh Riffel

\_\_\_\_\_ died at Air North Compound, Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, on the 24 day of November, 2022 at approximately 12:52 o'clock in the afternoon, as a result of gunshot wound to abdomen. We, the Jury, classify this death as homicide.

We, the Jury, also make the recommendations attached in Appendix "A".

Signed on this 15 day of October, 2025 by

  
Presiding Coroner

## **Appendix "A"**

### **Recommendations**

**Each recommendation must be directed to an organization, agency or person:**

**1. To: Joe Sparling: President Air North**

Ensure Air North and subsidiaries have a comprehensive emergency lockdown protocol for all facilities so that employees are informed about emergency situations in a timely manner, know who is in charge and have a secure space to go.

**2. To: Joe Sparling: President Air North**

Ensure that Air North and subsidiary employees are onboarded and participate in yearly emergency response drills including facility lockdowns and evacuation.

**3. To: Joe Sparling: President Air North**

Ensure that staff parking is outside the secure area and any access to secure space is accessible with staff ID cards

**4. To: Joe Sparling: President Air North**

Ensure that all work spaces have locks on doors

**Presiding Coroner's comments:**