



**FOR PUBLIC RELEASE: Coroner Judgement of Inquiry and Inquest
Inquisition and Recommendations**

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Yukon Coroners Service: Judgement of Inquiry into the death of: Dylan Lavoie

Coroner Investigative File No.: 4520201530

Name: Dylan Lavoie Date of Birth: 1980/11/17 Date of Death: 2015/08/08
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Address: Whitehorse, Yukon
Street Address Province/Territory Postal Code

Ethnic Origin: Caucasian Location of Death: KM1394.7 Alaska Highway

Cause of Death

Multiple Traumatic Injuries (due to) Impact with guardrail and highway sign (due to) Motorcycle Accident – Driver.

Manner of Death

Accidental

Autopsy Findings

No autopsy

An external examination of the body revealed extensive traumatic injuries not compatible with life.

Toxicological Findings

Forensic toxicology analysis revealed ethyl alcohol level of .07% and recent use of cocaine.

Circumstances of Death

On the afternoon of August 8, 2015, Mr. Lavoie and a friend went riding their motorcycles together after work. They were traveling from Whitehorse south to the Yukon River Bridge pull out area. Mr. Lavoie's motorcycle was a 2004 ZX-10R 1000cc Ninja motorcycle.

A witness told investigators that she was driving southbound on the Alaska Highway just prior to the incident when she was passed by two motorcycles traveling at a high rate of speed, one right after another.

Mr. Lavoie entered the gravel shoulder of the southbound lane, did not apply the brake or skid/slide, and impacted with the yellow and black hash-marked sign directly in front of the guardrail. His helmet contacted with the sign, and he was propelled through the air in a forward motion.

The weather on August 8, 2015 was sunny and approximately 20 degrees Celsius. The road conditions were favorable and well-traveled.

Significant Factors/Conclusions

Excessive rate of speed, combined with alcohol and cocaine use, and the driver coming into contact with a highway sign were significant factors in this death.

Recommendations

No recommendations


Signature, Chief Coroner

Whitehorse, Yukon
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