

**CORONER'S REPORT**  
INTO THE DEATH OF

MONTEITH

SURNAME

CORY ALLAN MICHAEL

GIVEN NAMES

OF

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA

MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE

I, Claire Thompson, a Coroner in the Province of British Columbia, have investigated the death of the above named, which was reported to the BC Coroners Service on the 13th day of July, 2013, and as a result of such investigation have determined the following facts and circumstances:

Gender: ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

Age: 31 YEARS

Death Premise: HOTEL

Place/Municipality of Death: VANCOUVER

Date of Death: JULY 13, 2013

Municipality of Illness/Injury: VANCOUVER

Time of Death: EARLY AM HOURS

## MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH

(1) Immediate Cause of Death: a) Combined Heroin And Alcohol Toxicity

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Antecedent Cause if any: b)

DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF

Giving rise to the immediate cause (a) above, stating underlying cause last, c)

(2) Other Significant Conditions Contributing to Death:

BY WHAT MEANS

Intravenous heroin use in combination with ingestion of alcohol.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATH

☒ ACCIDENTAL☐ HOMICIDE☐ NATURAL☐ SUICIDE☐ UNDETERMINED

Date Signed:

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

  
Claire Thompson, Coroner  
Province of British Columbia

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**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

At approximately 1200 hours on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Mr. Cory Allan Michael Monteith was found unresponsive in his hotel room at the Vancouver Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel. Emergency Health Services were notified and attended the scene. Mr. Monteith was clearly deceased and resuscitation was not attempted. Vancouver Police notified the Coroners Service of the death and an investigation ensued. Mr. Monteith was found in a collapsed position on the hotel room floor. There was no trauma or injury observed and there was no evidence of foul play. It appeared that Mr. Monteith had been dead several hours. An examination of the scene revealed drug paraphernalia including a spoon with drug residue and a used hypodermic needle. There were also two empty champagne bottles and multiple glasses located on a nearby table.

Mr. Monteith had checked into the Pacific Rim Hotel on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Nothing remarkable was reported about his stay. Hotel video footage showed Mr. Monteith returning to his room at 0216 hours on July 13<sup>th</sup>. He was alone at the time and not seen by anyone thereafter. When Mr. Monteith failed to check out later that afternoon, staff entered his locked room and found him unresponsive.

Mr. Monteith had a history of illicit drug use with intermittent periods of rehabilitation and abstinence from drugs. The periods of abstinence ranged from years to months in duration.

**POSTMORTEM/TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATION**

An autopsy found no evidence of fatal injury, illness or disease.

Toxicological analysis revealed the presence of ethyl alcohol at a level of 0.13%; consistent with a moderate level of intoxication. Toxicology also detected the presence of morphine, codeine and 6-monoacetyl morphine (an unambiguous metabolite of heroin).

Alcohol and heroin are both central nervous system and respiratory depressants. In combination, these drugs can cause sedation and death. Heroin is classified as an opiod drug; individuals typically build up a concentration tolerance to this type of drug over time. After a period of cessation from opiod drug use, a previously tolerated drug concentration level may become toxic and fatal.

**CONCLUSION**

I find that Cory Allan Monteith died in Vancouver on July 13, 2013 of combined heroin and alcohol toxicity. I classify this death as accidental and make no recommendations.

Claire Thompson, Coroner  
Province of British Columbia

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### **Cause of death confirmed for Cory Monteith**

**VICTORIA** – The BC Coroners Service has confirmed the cause of death for Cory Monteith.

Post-mortem testing, which included an autopsy and toxicological analysis, found that Mr. Monteith, aged 31, died of a mixed drug toxicity, involving heroin and alcohol.

Mr. Monteith was found deceased in his room at the Fairmont Pacific Rim hotel in downtown Vancouver, BC, shortly after noon on July 13. He had checked into the hotel on July 6 and had been expected to check out on the 13<sup>th</sup>. When he had not done so, hotel staff checked his room and found him deceased.

The investigation into this death by the Coroners Service is continuing, and no other details are available at this time. It should be noted that at this point there is no evidence to suggest Mr. Monteith's death was anything other than a most tragic accident.

When the investigation is concluded, a Coroners Report will be issued.

Mr. Monteith's family has been made aware of the circumstances surrounding the death. On behalf of family members, the Coroners Service asks that the media respect their privacy at this difficult time.

The BC Coroners Service expresses its sincere condolences to Mr. Monteith's family and friends.

An audio clip of this information is available at soundcloud at: xxxxx.

A video clip of this information is available on YouTube at: yyyy.

The Coroners Service will not be providing any further details or responding to inquiries concerning the circumstances of Mr. Monteith's death until the full investigation has concluded.

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