



**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: Shannon Megan CIBOCI

Coroner Investigative File No.: 45202017032

Name: Shannon Megan CIBOCI Date of Birth: 1993/08/24 Date of Death: 2017/07/26
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Address: Inuvik, N.W.T
Street Address Province/Territory Postal Code

Ethnic Origin: Inuvialuit Location of Death: North Klondike Highway

Cause of Death

Multiple Blunt Force Trauma due to MVI - Passenger Ejected/No seat belt worn.

Manner of Death

Accidental

Autopsy Findings

No autopsy

An external body examination revealed multiple blunt force traumatic injuries which were incompatible with life.

Toxicological Findings

Blood alcohol content (BAC) levels were detected to be 0.03% and recent use of cannabis was confirmed.

Circumstances of Death

Ms. CIBOCI was a front seat passenger in a 2001 GMC Sierra 4-door pickup on the North Klondike Highway on July 26, 2017 when the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the road, hitting a soft ditch, rolled several times and came to rest upright about 20 meters from the highway. Ms. CIBOCI was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

The weather at the time of the incident was 16C, warm, dry and daylight conditions. The vehicle entered a counter clockwise curve and drove onto the southbound lane's soft shoulder, over-corrected into a counter clockwise rotation, and then traveled into the northbound lane. The vehicle then over-corrected in the opposite direction causing it to rotate clockwise as it moved back into the southbound lane. At the edge of the highway, the vehicle vaulted off-road. Upon landing it tripped in the soil and rolled southwest where it came to its final resting position on its wheels.

A mechanical examination of the vehicle determined it to be in good repair prior to the incident and not a contributory factor to the incident.

Significant Factors/Conclusions

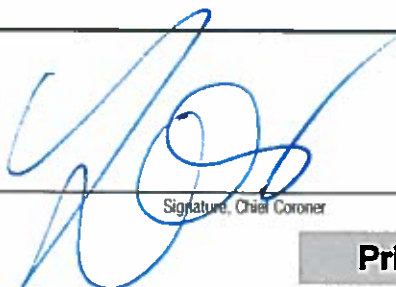
Failure to wear a seat belt were significant factors in the death of Shannon CIBOCI.

Lack of seat belt use continues to be a major contributor to fatalities and serious injuries on Yukon roads.

I therefore find that Shannon CIBOCI came to her death on July 26, 2017 from Unnatural causes, to wit: Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries as a result of a Motor Vehicle Incident– Passenger Ejected.

Recommendations

No recommendations



Signature, Chief Coroner

Whitehorse, Yukon

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May 15, 2018

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