



**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: Chad Michael FERRIS

Coroner Investigative File No.: 45202017018

Name: Chad FERRIS Date of Birth: 1985/05/06 Date of Death: 2017/05/28  
YYYY/MM/DD YYYY/MM/DD

Address: Kamloops, British Columbia  
Street Address Province/Territory Postal Code

Ethnic Origin: Caucasian Location of Death: 91806 Alaska Highway, Whitehorse

**Cause of Death**

(a) Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries (b) Motor Vehicle Incident-Driver

**Manner of Death**

Accidental

**Autopsy Findings**

No autopsy was performed. Injuries were consistent with blunt force traumatic injuries incompatible with life.

**Toxicological Findings**

Toxicology testing detected alcohol at a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) equivalent to 0.14% indicating a moderate to heavy level of intoxication at the time of the accident.

**Circumstances of Death**

On May 28, 2017 at 2330 Whitehorse RCMP were called to a two-vehicle collision north of the Two Mile Hill intersection. The investigation revealed that 32 year-old Chad FERRIS had taken a Ford 350 pickup truck which was pulling a flat-bed trailer from its parking place on Macdonald Road. He had driven south on the Alaska Highway and collided with a Nissan Exterra SUV which had pulled off of the highway. The Exterra was side-swiped along its length and the front passenger tire of the Ford 350 blew when it impacted the Exterra. The truck veered into the ditch rolling over multiple times and Mr. FERRIS, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the vehicle and was deceased at the scene.

**Significant Factors/Conclusions**

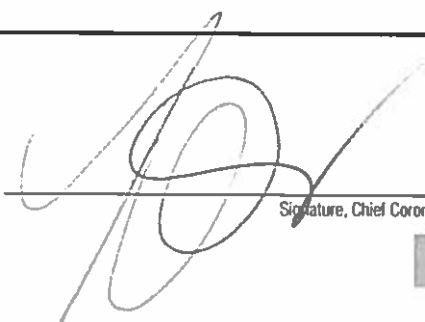
Investigation revealed that Mr. FERRIS had only driven the Ford 350 involved in the accident "occasionally" in the 8 months prior to the accident. Driver inexperience with the vehicle combined with a moderate to high level of intoxication with alcohol and inattention were significant factors in this death.

Further the lack of use of a seat belt by the driver contributed to this accident resulting in a fatality.

I therefore find that Chad FERRIS came to his death on May 28, 2017 from Unnatural causes, to wit: Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries as a result of a Motor Vehicle Incident– Driver.

**Recommendations**

No recommendations



Signature, Chief Coroner

Whitehorse, Yukon

Province/Territory

4/12/2018

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