



**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: Mavis Hurst

Coroner Investigative File No.: 45202017021

Name: Hurst, Mavis Date of Birth: 1977/01/20 Date of Death: 2017/05/31
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Address: Km 444.6 Robert Campbell Highway
Street Address Province/Territory Postal Code

Ethnic Origin: Inuvialut Location of Death: Robert Campbell Highway, Km 464

Cause of Death

(a) Sharp and Blunt Force Traumatic Injuries (b) Ejection from Vehicle (c) Motor Vehicle Incident - Driver

Manner of Death

Accidental

Autopsy Findings

Examination of the body revealed multiple blunt and sharp force injuries.

Toxicological Findings

Toxicology testing detected alcohol at .22% in the vitreous sample. A finding of .22% vitreous does not equate to .22% blood alcohol content (BAC). Assuming the alcohol consumed has fully equilibrated throughout the body, vitreous levels will be around 1.2 times higher than the blood. Assuming equilibration in this case, the BAC is estimated to be .18%.

Circumstances of Death

On May 31, 2017 at ca. 1645 hours Faro RCMP members were called to the scene of a single vehicle accident at km 464 of the Robert Campbell Highway. The investigation revealed that 40-year-old Mavis HURST had taken a 2006 Ford F-350 pickup truck from her residence at km 444.6 (Robert Campbell Highway), 40 kms west of Faro, Yukon. Witnesses working at km 450 reported that the vehicle driven by HURST passed them at ca. 1635 going at speeds estimated to be in excess of 150 kms/hr with vehicle control being jeopardized. At km 464 evidence indicates that the Ford F-350 had veered briefly onto the soft shoulder of the westbound lane before driving across the eastbound lane and into its ditch. The vehicle was still traveling at high speeds and given the steepness of the ditch it appeared that the vehicle went end over end coming to rest upright on a high stand of willows and against a spruce tree. Ms. HURST's body was ejected from the vehicle showing evidence that the seat-belt had been securing her at the lap only. She was deceased at the scene.

Further investigation revealed that Ms. HURST was not a licensed motor vehicle operator and had never driven the Ford F-350 prior to the time of the accident.

Significant Factors/Conclusions

Excessive speed, alcohol and illicit drug consumption and driver inexperience were all significant factors in this death.

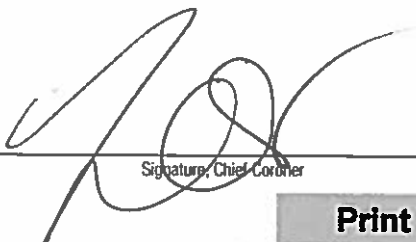
The use of a seat belt in a manner not specified by the vehicle manufacturer further contributed to this accident resulting in a fatality for this driver.

I therefore find that Mavis HURST came to her death on May 31 2017 from Unnatural causes, to wit: traumatic injuries due to ejection from vehicle as a result of a Motor Vehicle Incident- Driver.

I classify this death as accidental.

Recommendations

No recommendations



Signature, Chief Coroner

Whitehorse, Yukon

Province/Territory

April 27 2018

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