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Via email: 775@yrp.ca

Jim MacSween
Chief of Police
York Regional Police
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Dear Chief MacSween:

Re: Inquest into the death of: Ismet DAKAJ
Date Death Pronounced: June 27, 2014
OCC Inquest File No.: Q2021-01
Recommendations Received: June 11, 2021

The jury in the inquest into the death of Ismet Dakaj has made recommendations which your organization may be in a position to implement. Please report back regarding your consideration to implement the recommendations relating to your organization by completing the attached chart, *Responses to Jury Recommendations*. Your response is requested by **September 1, 2022**.

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the inquest jury verdict and recommendations, as well as the presiding officer's verdict explanation.

I would like to explain the significance of inquests and consequent recommendations under the *Coroners Act*. An inquest is a public hearing conducted by a presiding officer before a jury of five community members. Inquests are held for the purpose of informing the public about the circumstances of a death. An inquest does not find fault, blame or legal wrongdoing but rather examines the circumstances of one or more deaths and looks for lessons that can be learned from the death(s) that may contribute to a safer future for the living. Juries often make recommendations based on these learned lessons and, while they are not binding, it is hoped that implemented recommendations will prevent future deaths in similar circumstances.

Responses to inquest recommendations will be made public. Therefore, your response should not contain personal identifiers with the exception of identifying the decedent.

Please provide us with the name and contact information of the individual leading your organization's response by May 1, 2022. As well, if you feel any of the recommendations should be directed elsewhere, complete the attached *Contact Information and Recommendation Referrals* form and forward to OCC.inquests@ontario.ca.

As noted above, inquest jury recommendations are not legally binding; however, we trust they will be given careful consideration for implementation and, if not implemented, that your organization provides an explanation.

Thank you for participating in this important process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cameron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David A. Cameron, MD, LLB, CCFP
Regional Supervising Coroner – Inquests

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Attachments:

Responses to Jury Recommendations

List of Organizations Requested to Respond to Jury Recommendations

Contact Information and Recommendation Referrals

Ismet DAKAJ Inquest Q2021-01

RECOMMENDATIONS:

22 and 23

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Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Ministry of the Solicitor General

New Alliance Ltd.

Police Services in Ontario

Contact Information and Recommendation Referrals

Responses to Jury Recommendations

Ismet DAKAJ Inquest Q2021-01

YORK REGIONAL POLICE

Part I: Contact Information

Name	Position Title
Email address	Telephone number

Part II: Referral

We believe the following recommendations may be best addressed by these organizations:

Recommendation Number	Organization Name & Address	Contact Name & Title

Forward to occ.inquests@ontario.ca