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Ontario

Ministry of the Solicitor General

Chief Coroner for Ontario

Public Safety Division

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Toronto, Ontario
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Inquest: Robert Poulin et al
deceased Oct. 27, 1975

WITNESSES

Robert Bedard
Kurniadi Benggawan
Leo Bowes
Cathy Burtyn
David Canning
Glenn Carroll
L.J. Cartwright
Renzo Catana
Margaret Chaput
Spencer Chenier
A.F. Cooper
Daniel Cummings
Robert Darby
Donald Devine
John Dickson
Maureen Dorst
Thomas Flanagan
Stevens Helman
Roy Hoban
Barkeley Holbrook
Mark Holleran
Robert Kelly
John King
Ray Lacelle
Leonard Lunney
Hugh Macey
Michael Mageean
Lester McPhee
Pierre Milette
Michael Monette
Malcolm Pearce
Mark Potvin
Mary Poulin
Stewart Poulin
Joan Rabot
John Rabot
Ray Russell
Robert Russell
Roy Russell
Gerry St. Louis
Robin Shaw
Douglas Thompson
Victor Tolgysey
George Tolnai
John Zoschke

Form No. 10

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

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the jury serving on the inquest into the death of

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aged ....., held at Salon "B" 350 Dalhousie St. (Holiday Inn) on the ..... day of December 19 75, by Dr. H.B. COTNAM Coroner for Area No. Prov. Ont., having been duly sworn, have inquired into and determined the following:

1. Name of deceased: Kim Bernadette RABOT Age 17
2. Date and time of death: October 27 1975 between 9:00 A.m and 11:00 a.m.
3. Place of death: 5 Warrington Dr. Ottawa, Ontario
4. Cause of death: Shock and hemorragging from multiple stab wounds and asphixia
5. By what means: Homicide by Robert Paulin

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Signatures of Jurors

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This verdict was received by me this 4TH day of December 19 75

H. B. COTNAM B.A. M.D. C.M.
CHIEF CORONER
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

H.B. Cotnam M.D.
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Residential Area No. Prov. Ont.

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WE WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. With regard to the availability of firearms, we recommend the following:

(a) a firearm ownership permit system be ~~limited to hunting for purposes~~ implemented as soon as possible with the following provisions:

i) valid reasons to receive a permit limited to hunting for purposes, police, security, D.N.D., sport hunting and long-gun target shooting.

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ii) police or registrar of firearms to have the power of veto with court appeal.

iii) the license to include a photo, signature and social insurance number.

(b) Abolition of currently restricted weapons, except for police security and D.N.D.

(c) All other firearms, when not in use are to be held in a depositary held by approved security agencies. The cost to be borne by firearm owners.

(d) A government paid for program to buy and destroy or to make inoperable all firearms turned in by the public.

(e) Firearms could be sold only to those holding ownership licenses, after a 30 day cooling-off period.

(f) Ownership license must be presented to buy ammunition.

(g) Retailers are to keep records of all sales by model and serial number.

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WE WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Penalties for violations to be mandatory and a minimum of 2 years for illegal possession and 5 years additional for use in commission of a crime.

2. With regard to the availability of pornographic material, we recommend that:

(a) Pornographic be defined as anything showing or representing the genital parts of the human body.

(b) Pornographic material ~~not~~ be banned in Ontario.

3. With regard to the educational system up to Grade XIII, we recommend that:

(a) Attendance systems be implemented which will establish the presence or absence of a student within 30 minutes of the start of the student's day.

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Coroner for ~~Area No.~~ Province of Ontario, having been duly sworn, have inquired into and determined the following:

1. Name of deceased: ROBERT JAMES POULIN - Aged 18
2. Date and time of death: October 27, 1975 at approximately 2:20 p.m.
3. Place of death: St. Pius X High School
4. Cause of death: Massive Gunshot wound to Head.
5. By what means: By his own hand - suicide.

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Signatures of Jurors [redacted]

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H.B. COTNAM, M.D.
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(b) Unreported absences to be checked with parents within 60 minutes of the start of the student's day.

(c) Locker searches must be conducted at least once per semester on a random basis.

(d) All acts of violence or threats of violence in schools are to be reported to the Department of Education for statistical compilation.

4. With regard to the media, we feel that while they play a very necessary role in avoiding future incidents, the reporting of suggestive, explicit details is dangerous. This type of sensational reporting has ~~been~~ occurred during this inquest and is deplored.

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WE WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. We support continued funding of psychological research and public education of mental health problems.

6. We wish to commend the Attawa Police Force for their continued efforts on behalf of the community, with special mention to those directly involved with the investigation of this incident.

7. With respect to the incident at the school, no doubt acts of heroism occured, but the whole class is to be commended for its conduct. If the actions of individuals can be identified, these should be specifically recognized and commended by the appropriate organizations.

We emphasize:

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Coroner for ~~Area No.~~ Province of Ontario, having been duly sworn, have inquired into and determined the following:

1. Name of deceased: KIM BERNADETTE RABOT - Aged 17
2. Date and time of death: October 27, 1975, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
3. Place of death: 5 Warrington Drive, OTTAWA, Ontario.
4. Cause of death: Shock and hemorraging from multiple stab wounds and Asphyxia.
5. By what means: Homicide by Robert Poulin.

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Signatures of Jurors [redacted]

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RESTRICTIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS MAY WELL BE THE PRICE WE HAVE TO PAY FOR CIVILIZATION. IN OUR OPINION, CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON EXISTING CIVIL LIBERTIES WILL BE NECESSARY TO AVOID FUTURE INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. PEOPLE AS INDIVIDUALS MUST TAKE A MORE RESPONSIBLE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR FELLOW MAN.

1. WITH REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FIREARMS, WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

(a) A FIREARM OWNERSHIP PERMIT SYSTEM BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS.

(1) VALID REASONS TO RECEIVE A PERMIT LIMITED TO HUNTING FOR SURVIVAL, POLICE, SECURITY, D.N.D., SPORT HUNTING, AND LONG-GUN TARGET SHOOTING.

(2) POLICE OR REGISTRAR OF FIREARMS TO HAVE THE POWER OF VETO WITH COURT APPEAL.

(3) THE LICENSE TO INCLUDE A PHOTO, SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER.

(b) ABOLITION OF CURRENTLY RESTRICTED WEAPONS, EXCEPT FOR POLICE SECURITY AND D.N.D.

(c) ALL OTHER FIREARMS, WHEN NOT IN USE, ARE TO BE HELD IN A DEPOSITORY RUN BY APPROVED SECURITY AGENCIES. THE COST TO BE BORNE BY FIREARM OWNERS.

(d) A GOVERNMENT PAID FOR PROGRAM TO BUY AND DESTROY OR TO MAKE INOPERABLE ALL FIREARMS TURNED IN BY THE PUBLIC.

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(e) FIREARMS WILL BE SOLD ONLY TO THOSE HOLDING AN OWNERSHIP LICENSE, AFTER A 30-DAY COOLING-OFF PERIOD.

(f) OWNERSHIP LICENSE MUST BE PRESENTED TO BUY AMMUNITION.

(g) RETAILERS ARE TO KEEP RECORDS OF ALL SALES BY MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER.

(h) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS TO BE MANDATORY AND A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND FIVE YEARS ADDITIONAL FOR USE IN COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT:

(a) PORNOGRAPHIC BE DEFINED AS ANYTHING SHOWING OR REPRESENTING THE GENITAL PARTS OF THE HUMAN BODY.

(b) PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL BE BANNED IN ONTARIO.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM UP TO GRADE XIII, WE RECOMMEND THAT:

(a) ATTENDANCE SYSTEMS BE IMPLEMENTED WHICH WILL ESTABLISH THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A STUDENT WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF THE START OF THE STUDENT'S DAY.

(b) UNREPORTED ABSENCES TO BE CHECKED WITH PARENTS WITHIN SIXTY MINUTES OF THE START OF THE STUDENT'S DAY.

(c) LOCKER SEARCHES MUST BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST ONCE PER SEMESTER ON A RANDOM BASIS.

(d) ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR STATISTICAL COMPILATION.

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WE WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

4. WITH REGARD TO THE MEDIA, WE FEEL THAT WHILE THEY PLAY A VERY NECESSARY ROLE IN AVOIDING FUTURE INCIDENTS, THE REPORTING OF SUGGESTIVE, EXPLICIT DETAILS IS DANGEROUS. THIS TYPE OF SENSATIONAL REPORTING HAS OCCURRED DURING THIS INQUEST AND IS DEPLORED.

5. WE SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

6. WE WISH TO COMMEND THE OTTAWA POLICE FORCE FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, WITH SPECIAL MENTION TO THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE INCIDENT AT THE SCHOOL, NO DOUBT ACTS OF HEROISM OCCURRED, BUT THE WHOLE CLASS IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS CONDUCT. IF THE ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS CAN BE IDENTIFIED, THESE SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED BY THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Coroner

Residential Area No. .....

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Form No. 10

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

We, [redacted] of [redacted]

the jury serving on the inquest into the death of

POULIN
Surname

Robert James
Given Name

aged ....., held at Salon "B" 350 Dalhousie St. (Holiday Inn) on the ..... day of December 19 75, by DR. H.B. COTNAM

Coroner for Area No. Prov. Ont., having been duly sworn, have inquired into and determined the following:

1. Name of deceased: Robert James POULIN age 18
2. Date and time of death: October 27 1975 at approx. 2:20 P.m.
3. Place of death: St Pius X High School
4. Cause of death: Massive gun shot wound to the head
5. By what means: by his own hand - suicide

(continue on reverse side if necessary)

Signatures of Jurors

[redacted]

(FOREMAN)

This verdict was received by me this 4TH day of December 19 75

H. B. COTNAM B.A. M.D. C.M.
CHIEF CORONER
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

H B Cotnam M.D.
Coroner
Chief Coroner.

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