



Office of the
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Verdict of Inquest Jury
Verdict de l'enquête

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario
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We the undersigned / Nous soussignés,

_____ of / de Thunder Bay, Ontario
 _____ of / de Thunder Bay, Ontario
 _____ of / de Thunder Bay, Ontario
 _____ of / de Thunder Bay, Ontario
 _____ of / de Thunder Bay, Ontario

the jury serving on the inquest into the death(s) of / membres dûment assermentés du jury à l'enquête sur le décès de:

Surname / Nom de famille: Legarde
 Given Names / Prénoms: Daniel Christopher

aged 45 held at Nipigon, Ontario
 à l'âge de tenue à

from the July 31st to the August 11th 20 23
 du au

By Etienne Esquega Presiding Officer for Ontario
 Par président pour l'Ontario

having been duly sworn/affirmed, have inquired into and determined the following:
 avons fait enquête dans l'affaire et avons conclu ce qui suit :

Name of Deceased / Nom du défunt
 Daniel Christopher Legarde

Date and Time of Death / Date et heure du décès
 November 26, 2016 at 8:04 p.m.

Place of Death / Lieu du décès
 Nipigon District Memorial Hospital, 125 Hogan Road, Nipigon, Ontario

Cause of Death / Cause du décès
 Gunshot wound to abdomen.

By what means / Circonstances du décès
 Homicide

Original confirmed by: Foreperson / Original confirmé par: Président du jury

 Original confirmed by jurors / Original confirmé par les jurés

The verdict was received on the 11th day of August 20 23
 Ce verdict a été reçu le (Day / Jour) (Month / Mois)

Presiding Officer's Name (Please print) / Nom du président (en lettres moulées): Etienne Esquega
 Date Signed (yyyy/mm/dd) / Date de la signature (aaaa/mm/dd): 2023/08/11

 Presiding Officer's Signature / Signature du président

We, the jury, wish to make the following recommendations: (see page 2)
 Nous, membres du jury, formulons les recommandations suivantes : (voir page 2)



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JURY RECOMMENDATIONS RECOMMANDATIONS DU JURY

To the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP):

Indigenous-specific Training for OPP officers and Relationship building with local Indigenous communities

1. Consider ways to implement refresher training that is developed in conjunction with local Indigenous communities for past participants of the OPP's Indigenous Awareness Training Course (IATC).
2. Engage with Indigenous communities to develop and distribute information packages for OPP officers to help develop relationships with local Indigenous communities as it relates to OPP detachments located near First Nations communities.
3. Provide increased resources to the Indigenous Awareness Training Unit to increase the number of Indigenous Awareness Training Courses offered annually including increased opportunities for officers.
4. Provide increased resources to support the attendance of participants of the IATC in order to address capacity at detachments to support police operations.

Resources for Detachments

5. Increase for OPP Nipigon Detachment and similar detachments:
 - the number of officers both assigned to the detachment and dedicated to each shift;
 - specialized training;
 - resources and necessary supports for the above.

Police training

6. Consider refresher training during block training on responding to intimate partner violence calls including scenarios where both parties are separated and confirming that separating and keeping separate intimate partners is a critical de-escalation strategy.
7. Amend Police Order 2.14 Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Occurrence to make it clear and unambiguous that:
 - i. This policy applies to all intimate partner incidents including verbal disputes where there has been no criminal offence; and
 - ii. That intimate partners should be separated and kept separate, and not only when being interviewed.

To the Ontario Police College (OPC) and the OPP:

8. Integrate a scenario into annual police training that draws from the circumstances of this inquest including a call for assistance to address an unwanted person, which in flight turns into a non-violent intimate partner occurrence, and where the officers are confronted with a weapon immediately upon arrival, while being mindful not to re-traumatize the officers involved in this inquest.

Teaching points would be:

- Proper communication from dispatch;
 - Proper application of the Trespass to Property Act;
 - Proper application of the Intimate Partner Occurrence;
 - Mental/emotional preparedness of the responding officers;
 - De-escalation techniques and
 - Ontario Public – Police Interaction Training Aid
9. Develop additional training regarding the proper application and interpretation of the Trespass to Property Act.
10. Ensure that training at the OPC and OPP yearly re-certification training emphasizes in class and scenarios, that when police officers are dealing with a person armed with a weapon, whenever reasonable and safe to do so, that creating time and distance is a priority.
11. Increase training of officers when dealing with persons in crisis, including but not limited to mental health and trauma.
12. Increase emphasis of verbal and non-verbal de-escalation training for police officers as part of Basic Constable Training (BCT) and annual block training.

To the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services:

13. Develop an approach to engage with Indigenous communities and organizations about Family Responsibility Office's policies and programs.
14. Improve communications with recipients and support payors with respect to their responsibilities with receiving and making support payments.
15. Initially communicate with the payor verbally that an order has been issued for collection of support arrears and ensure that the payor understands the options available for repayment. This verbal communication should be followed by written communication with what was discussed.

To The Office of the Chief Coroner (OCC):

16. The OCC should set targets for the completion of inquests and implement a strategy to reduce wait times to meet the targets.
17. The OCC should make public on their web site response and actions to all coroner's jury recommendations.

To the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

18. Should implement a process that the Ontario Public - Police Interaction Training Aid is reviewed as to its effectiveness every 5 years and amended as required to keep it a living document.

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