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## **Inquest into the death of: Jayson Elliot**

Selwyn Pieters Presiding Officer

Heard: February 26, 2024; February 27, 2024; February 28, 2024; February 29, 2024; March 1, 2024

Judgment: March 1, 2024

Docket: None given.

Counsel: Counsel — not provided

Subject: Civil Practice and Procedure

### **Headnote**

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### ***Selwyn Pieters Presiding Officer:***

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### **JURY RECOMMENDATIONS**

To the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre (OCDC):

- 1 Provide cellular telephones to on-duty correctional officers at the Sergeant level and above for use in notifying Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- 2 Enhance current scenario-based training provided to nursing staff and correctional officers. This training should:
  - a) Be done on a recurring basis and should be mandatory for nursing staff and correctional officers,
  - b) When possible, utilize external entities such as such as the Ottawa Hospital or other local hospitals and external medical staff,
  - c) Include realistic scenarios involving persons in custody where the person is unresponsive and/or is suffering from an obstructed or damaged airway,
  - d) When possible, be conducted in a facility or environment that can accommodate training scenarios and/or simulate the environment of a correctional institution, and;
  - e) Include training on coordination, cooperation, and communication between correction officers and nursing staff during a medical emergency, including training on "closed loop" communication when appropriate.

To the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre (OCDC), the Ministry of the Solicitor General, and the Government of Ontario:

- 3 Conduct regular audits of on-site medical equipment at the OCDC and at all provincial correctional facilities to:
  - a) Ensure that all available medical equipment is up to date,

- b) Review and add to medical equipment as necessary to be consistent with the needs of medical/nursing staff,
  - c) Ensure that medical/nursing staff is properly trained on the use of all medical equipment,
  - d) Assess and determine whether medical "crash carts" can be made available at correctional institutions, and;
  - e) Explore options for new, more compartmentalized medical bags to be made available at correctional institutions.
- 4 Consider providing enhanced Basic Life Skills (BLS) training to nursing staff similar to that provided to first responders and advanced cardiac care providers.
- 5 Review and revise nursing emergency response protocols to include:
- a) Nurses responding to a medical emergency, when reasonably possible, should bring with them a fully equipped portable medical response bag or crash cart.
- 6 Conduct a review of current peer support and other support offered to nursing staff, correctional staff and witnesses following a critical incident to ensure that it is consistent across the province and consistent with other peer support programs provided to first responders which is trauma-informed, and which includes voluntary debriefings when appropriate.
- 7 Should consider providing access to the same radio communication tools that correctional officers use for nurses.
- 8 Provide institutional nursing staff with motorized suction devices for use in clearing a patient's obstructed airway.

To the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

- 9 Should consider annual meetings of medical/nursing leads across institutions in Ontario to review critical events for the purpose of identifying opportunities for improvement.
- 10 Seek and allocate adequate funding and resources to implement these recommendations.