

**KeyCite treatment**

**Most Negative Treatment:** Check subsequent history and related treatments.

2024 CarswellOnt 14505

Ontario Coroner

Ramnath, Re

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**Inquest into the death of: O'Neil Singh Ramnath**

Selwyn Pieters Presiding Officer

Heard: September 23, 2024; September 24, 2024

Judgment: September 24, 2024

Docket: None given.

Counsel: Counsel — not provided

Subject: Civil Practice and Procedure

**Related Abridgment Classifications**

Judges and courts

**VII** Coroners

**VII.2** Coroner's inquest

**VII.2.b** Practice and procedure

**VII.2.b.ix** Verdict or inquisition

**VII.2.b.ix.A** Verdict and recommendation

**Headnote**

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***Selwyn Pieters Presiding Officer:***

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**JURY RECOMMENDATIONS**

***To the Ministry of the Solicitor General "SOLGEN"***

1 Correctional Services should immediately update Internal Referral Forms to ensure dates are included and all forms are digitized and centrally managed.

2 Correctional Services should form a task force to develop a clear and comprehensive policy that ensures consistent, effective, and compassionate responses to addiction support requests. This group should include representatives from various disciplines, such as healthcare professionals, correctional staff, mental health experts, and external addiction specialists, to ensure a well-rounded and holistic approach.

The policy and procedures should prioritize:

- a. Establishing ideal timeframes for initial access to addiction support services;
- b. Implementing a standard at all institutions;

c. Ensure the creation of digital client records, viewable at all institutions, with a centralized location for any services inmates are receiving; and

d. Minimize the need for transfers of patients in care, if inmates are transferred prior to or during treatment ensure admission and discharge nurse is aware of requests and treatments.

3 Correctional Services should pilot a program that would designate one or more correctional officers to work exclusively within the counselling unit, ensuring that addiction and other support services can be delivered consistently. These dedicated correctional officers should receive specialized training in mental health, trauma-informed care, and addiction counselling to enhance their ability to work in a therapeutic environment.

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