

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 782/10

Inquest into the Death of REMAINS UNKNOWN SKELETON

Delivered On:	23 May 2011
Delivered At:	Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	23 May 2011
Findings of:	Coroner Kim M W Parkinson
Place of death/Suspected Death:	An unknown location
PCSU:	Senior Constable Remo Antolini

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne
I, KIM PARKINSON, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Unidentified Human Remains: UNKNOWN REMAINS COMPRISING A
HUMAN SKELETON

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 23 May 2011
At Melbourne

Find: that the identity of the deceased was unknown and that the remains comprising
a human skeleton
That: the death occurred at an unknown date
At: an unknown location
From: an unknown cause

In the following circumstances:

1. This matter was listed for inquest this day.
2. On 25 February 2010, Ms Veronica Orsini attended at Caulfield Police station and relinquished a skeleton which she described as having been in her possession for some time. It was purchased by Ms Orsini from the Mentone Education Centre on 7 February 1984 when she was a teacher of fine arts. She produced a receipt in relation to the purchase.
3. On 4 March 2010, the skeleton was examined by Dr Christopher Briggs, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Melbourne University and Forensic Anthropologist with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Dr Briggs reported that the skeleton was a human skeleton and that it was typical of a Caucasian origin and likely to have originated in the Indian Sub-continent. He reported that sex was likely male and the age of the remains likely teens to early twenties. He further reported that the skeleton had the indicia of a teaching set.

4. I am satisfied that no further investigation is required. I find that the bones comprising the skeleton in this case are human. On the available evidence it is not possible to make findings as to identity, where, when or in what circumstances the person died. In the circumstances, I find that the bones are of Caucasian origin and were likely to have been part of a medical teaching set.

5. I order that as no person makes claim to recovery or return of the remains that the bones be released by the Coroner's Court of Victoria for public burial at an approved facility and location.

Signature:



Kim M W Parkinson
Coroner



23rd May, 2011