

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 287/09

Inquest into the Death of TANER KIRIM

Delivered On: 17th February 2011

Delivered At: Melbourne

Hearing Dates: 17th February 2011

Findings of: CORONER, JOHN OLLE

Place of death: 28 Bayview Road, Frankston, Victoria 3199

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, JOHN OLLE, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname: KIRIM

First name: TANER

Address: 28 Bayview Road, Frankston, Victoria 3199

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 11th January 2011 at Melbourne

find that the identity of the deceased was TANER KIRIM

and death occurred on 19th January, 2009

at 28 Bayview Road, Frankston, Victoria 3199

from

1a. EPILEPSY

2. CEREBRAL PALSY. INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

in the following circumstances:

1. Taner Kirim was aged 17 years at the time of his death. He lived at Bayview House, a residential care unit situated at 28 Bayview Road, Frankston South.

Taner was in care

2. Taner had been in the care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Protection Unit since December, 2008. At the time of his death, he was on an Interim Accommodation Order for "Out of Home Services".

The 17th January, 2009

3. Mr Dube, careworker employed by Statewide Autistic Services worked the sleepover shift at Bayview House.
4. Mr Dube explained that Taner was fed though his PEG feed and nappy's changed:

"The last time I saw Taner alive was at 9.45pm.

The next morning I got up and opened the door for my then co-worker Darya. I got Taner's feeds ready and was the 1st to go to check him. When I walked into his room, I saw that he had a pale look on his face and I immediately knew something was wrong. I called out to Darya to come quick and we checked for a pulse and called for Megan the manager, and the ambulance. The ambulance arrived within 5 minutes, followed by the police."

5. A comprehensive history is contained in the medical records of Associate Professor Scheffer, Paediatric Neurologist, Epileptologist.

Post Mortem Medical Examination

6. On the 21st January, 2009, Dr Shelley Robertson, Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, performed an autopsy on the body of Taner Kirim.
7. She found the cause of death to be epilepsy with contributing factors of cerebral palsy and intellectual disability.
8. Dr Robertson commented as follows:

"This 17 year old male, Taner Kirim, died from natural causes with the most likely cause of death being related to his clinical history of epilepsy. He had evidence of macroscopic brain abnormality. Toxicological analysis was negative for ethanol and showed levels of valproic acid and lamotrigine which are consistent with therapeutic usage."

9. Taner's death is particularly tragic for his mother Husnuye Acikyurt. Ms. Acikyurt had cared for Taner throughout his life. His declining health and associated weight loss lead to his out of home placement in December 2008.

Finding

I find Taner Kirim died of epilepsy with contributing factors of cerebral palsy and intellectual disability.

Signature:

John Olle
Coroner
17th February 2011

