

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I Kim M. W. Parkinson Coroner having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Unidentified Human
Remains:

UNKNOWN REMAINS COMPRISING A HUMAN PELVIS

AND having held an inquest on 8 June 2011

At Melbourne

Find: that the identity of the deceased was unknown and that the remains comprising a human pelvis
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 29 November 2010 Dr James Gome, a physician specialising in endocrinology attended at the Moonee Ponds Police Station to hand over a human pelvis which had been given to him when he was a medical student in obstetrics in 1996. Police took possession of the

remains and they were conveyed to the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne.

3. On 3 December 2010 the skull was examined by Dr Soren Blau, Forensic Anthropologist with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Dr Blau reported that the remains comprised an adult female pelvis articulated with the sacrum and left and right femora and that the right femur has been sectioned at the proximal mid shaft, whilst the left femur had been damaged post-mortem and consisted only of the head.
4. Dr Blau reported that without employing scientific dating technology it was not possible to estimate the age of the remains. However she commented that the method of articulation was typical of human remains used for teaching reference material.
5. I am satisfied that no further investigation is required. I find that the bones comprising a pelvis in this case are human and were likely part of a teaching set. On the available evidence it is not possible to make findings as to identity, where, when or in what circumstances the person died.
6. I order that as that 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.



Coroner Kim M. W. Parkinson

Date: 8 June 2011

