
Statement #:	Coroner:	CIS Case #:
09-1198-B	24253 - DR Shaffer, Mark	2009-11049

Personal Details of Deceased

Name: Sheppard, Darcy Allan	Gender: Male	Date of Birth : 11/Oct/1975	Age: 33 yrs
Address: 368 George st 301			
City: TORONTO	Province: ON	Postal Code: M5A2N3	

Investigation Details

Status: Final	Inquest Required: No	Death Pronounced: 31/Aug/2009
By what means: Undetermined		Death Presumed:

Environments

Environment(1)	Environment(2) PRIMARY
Date: 31/Aug/2009	Date: 31/Aug/2009
Municipality: TORONTO	Municipality: TORONTO
Institution: St. Michael's - St. Michael's Hospital	Institution:
Environment: Hospital E/R, VSA on arrival, ALS in E/R	Environment: Bicycle - non-motorized
Death Factor: Trauma - Motor Vehicle, Vehicle/Pedestrian co	Death Factor: Trauma - Motor Vehicle, Vehicle/Pedestrian co
Address: 30 Bond ST	Address: Bloor ST
City: TORONTO	City: TORONTO

Involvements

980 Alcohol Involvement
970 Drug Involvement

Reports Expected

Police: Y	Min. of Labour: N
Laboratory: Y	Other: N
Fire Marshal: N	

Pathologist

85038 DR Pollanen, Michael S.

Hospital

Medical cause of death: Blunt Impact Head Trauma

Due to / as a consequence of:

Contributing Factors:

Narrative

The deceased, while on his bicycle, had some type of interaction with a motorist who was driving his car with the top down, on Bloor Street West, in Toronto. Apparently, the deceased subsequently approached the car, on foot, on the driver's side. I was told by a member of the Toronto Police Service that he grabbed onto something. It was unclear, at this early stage of the investigation, whether it was the headrest of the car, steering wheel, the driver, or something else. I was told by Police, that the driver entered the east bound lanes, from the west bound lane, in which he had been driving. The deceased still hanging on to something, as noted above. The deceased, while still "attached" to the car struck at least 2 immovable objects, a mailbox and a hydro (or similar) pole. He subsequently fell to the road and a great deal of blood was noted at the scene. 911 was called and the cyclist was rushed to the Emergency Department of St. Michael's Hospital where he was without vital signs on arrival. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was nevertheless continued, but unfortunately without success. Following discussion with Police in attendance, who communicated with the Police at the scene, I did not attend the scene on Bloor Street for both Police Officers felt that there was nothing to be gained, and Traffic Services of the Toronto Police Service were in the process of doing their assessment and reconstruction. The entire file from St. Michael's Hospital was photocopied and sent to the Office of the Chief Coroner, where a post mortem was to be carried out. The Regional Supervising Coroner was subsequently informed of the situation. Final post mortem report revealed that the deceased died of blunt impact head trauma, which caused fatal damage to the brain stem. There was also evidence of a depressed skull fracture. Toxicology revealed an ethanol level of 183 mg/100 mL.



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Coroner's Signature: _____

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