

Coroners Officer:



INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF
**Geoffrey Michael
John PACKMAN**

Case Number: 1011/08

Opened: 14th May 2008

Inquest Date: 18/03/2009.

CORONER'S OFFICERS' INQUEST CHECKLIST

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| Case Name: | Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN |
| Case Ref: | 1011/08 |

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED:

| DOCUMENT | REQUESTED FROM | DATE | RECEIVED |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Post Mortem | N/A | - | - |
| Toxicology | N/A | - | - |
| Other Medical | | | |
| Police Report | Det Chief Supt Williams | | |
| Other Reports & Statements | | | |
| CO1 / Opening | To Caroline | 14/5/08 | |

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

FAMILY DETAILS

Mrs B Packman (Wife)

Code A

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Narrative VerdictGeoffrey Michael John PACKMAN

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Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN

The Deceased was an Inpatient at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and was receiving opioid medication by syringe driver at the time of death

1. Did the administration of any medication contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased ?

Yes/~~No~~

If Yes :

2. Was that medication given for therapeutic purposes ?

Yes/~~No~~

If Yes :

3. Was that medication appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering ?

Yes/~~No~~

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The National Programme on Substance Abuse Deaths (np-SAD)

NOTIFICATION OF DRUG RELATED DEATHS

Section I Demographic Information

Deceased forename(s): Geoffrey Michael John Gender: Male Female

Family Name: PACKMAN Other names known by: None

Date of birth: Code A Place of birth: Shirebrook, Nottinghamshire

Usual Address: Code A
Postcode: _____

Ethnicity : (tick one only)

- White Pakistani Black African Other, specify : _____
 Chinese Bangladeshi Black Carribean
 Not Known Indian Black other, specify: _____

Occupational Status : (tick one only)

- Employed (Manual) Unemployed Retired Not known
 Employed (Non-Manual) Childcare/Houseperson Student/Pupil
 Self employed Invalidity/Sickness Other, specify : _____

Living Arrangements : (tick one only)

- Alone Self & children No fixed abode
 With partner With parents Not Known
 With partner & children With friends Other, specify : _____

Section II Background Information

Police Officer's report:

Recent history of drug use and other relevant information:

Was the deceased on prescribed psychoactive medication ? Yes No Not known

If yes, please list drugs:

1. See attached 4. _____
 2. _____ 5. _____
 3. _____ 6. _____

Was the deceased a drug addict or known drug abuser? Yes No Not known

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Section III Details of Death

Date of death : 3 \ 9 \ 1999

Place of death : (tick one only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential premises (e.g. hotel) | <input type="checkbox"/> In custody |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place of work | <input type="checkbox"/> Street or highway | <input type="checkbox"/> Place of recreation/sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other place, specify _____ | | |

Cause(s) of death (as given on the death certificate)

l(a) **Gastro Intestinal Haemorrhage**

(b)

(c)

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Toxicology

No PM

Please list drugs and alcohol present at post mortem (in order of importance, if known)

| | Drug/alcohol | Level | | | | Drug/alcohol | Level | | |
|----|--------------|-------|---|---|----|--------------|-------|---|---|
| | | B | T | U | | | B | T | U |
| 1. | | | | | 4. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | 5. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | 6. | | | | |

B = Blood; T = Tissues; U = Urine

Section IV Coroner's Verdict

Narrative Verdict

Section V Coroner's Details

Coroner's name: David Clark Horsley

Date inquest completed: 18/03/2009

Jurisdiction: _____

Office: Room T20

Signature: _____

Code A

Date : 4th March 2010

Please send completed form to:

National Programme on Substance Abuse Deaths (np-SAD)
International Centre for Drug Policy
St George's University of London
FREEPOST LON 10141, London SW17 0BR

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Code A

Gosport WMH

Narrative Verdicts

In all cases

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LAVENDER The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes. That medication was appropriate for the condition of symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

SERVICE The administration of medication did not contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased.

LAKE Ditto – As SERVICE above.

CUNNINGHAM The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes. That medication was appropriate for the condition or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

PACKMAN The administration of medication did contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased. The medication was given for therapeutic purposes the medication was not appropriate for the conditions or symptoms from which the deceased was suffering.

WILSON Ditto – As PACKMAN above.

DEVINE Ditto – As PACKMAN above.

SPURGIN The administration of medication did not contribute more than minimally or negligibly to the death of the deceased.

GREGORY Ditto – As SPURGIN above

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INQUEST CHECKLISTName: **Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN**Ref: **1011/08**

Date Reported: 13.05.2008

DATE OPENED: **14.05.2008**

By: RMB

INQUEST by RMB

Time allocated: 6 weeks

**Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at 10.00am in the Coroner's Court in the
Portsmouth Combined Courts Building, Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth, PO1 2EB**

Jury: Yes

Listing Office notified Room Booked F99/INQ PREPARED **PRESS DETAILS:**HCC MEDIA UPDATED Born: Lived at: Emsworth

Died on: 03.09.1999

Died at: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Type of Inquest: Medical

ADJOURNED TO:

Date:day, Time: to By:

At:

AFTER INQUEST**VERDICT**
..... Database Death Entry Register Drugs Form Other Form Tape Recorded In File for

Other Inquests on Tape

Coroners Initial Sudden Death Report

CO/1

Date Reported: 13/05/2008 Ref: Number 1011/08 Type of Case: Inquest

Name: Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN
 Address: **Code A**
 Date of Birth: **Code A**
 Age: 67 Years.
 Date of Death: 3rd September 1999
 Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial Ward:
 Mortuary:
 Removed By:
 Funeral Directors:
 General Practitioner: Hospital Consultant:
 Reported By: Family
 Reason for Referral: Family concerns Y/N

Brief History: Died in Gosport War Memorial. This has been subject of a lengthy police investigation.

Initials:

Date: 13/05/2008

CAUSE OF DEATH:

- 1a)
 1b)
 1c)
 2)

Pathologist:

INQUEST CASES:

Date Opened 14/5/08 Time: am Inquest Date: Time:

Adjournments:

Signed By: David Clark Horsley
 Coroner, Portsmouth South East Hampshire

Date: 13th May 2008

Opening & Adjournment of an Inquest

Full Name of Deceased: Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN
Sex: Male **Age:** 67 years
Date of Death: 3rd September 1999
Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial
Reported by: Family
 from:
 on:
Pathologist: N/A

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Address: Code A

Date of Birth: Code A

Place of Birth: Shirebrook, Nottinghamshire

Deceased's Occupation: Insurance Surveyor

Marital Status: Married

Maiden Name: Not known

Name of Surviving Wife: Betty PACKMAN

Date of Birth:

Occupation:

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CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS

Fathers Name: N/A

Occupation:

Mothers Name: N/A

Occupation:

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Circumstances of Death:

Died In Gosport War Memorial. This has been subject of a lengthy police investigation.

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Deceased Identified by: Unknown

Evidence given by: Lisa-Jane JOHN Coroners Officer.

Inquest into the above named deceased opened and adjourned to enable further enquiries to be made, upon the order of:

HM Coroner, Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

Dated: 14th May 2008

Mrs B Packman

Code A

15 May 2008

Dear Mrs Packman

Geoffrey Michael John Packman Deceased:

Please note that on 14 May 2008 I opened an Inquest into the death of Mr Packman.

I will continue to keep you informed of key stages of the Inquest process.

If you require a Coroner's Interim Death Certificate on Mr Packman for any purpose, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

David C Horsley
Tel: 023 9268 8326

Email: **Code A**

Opening & Adjournment of an Inquest

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Sex: Male **Age:** 67 years
Date of Death: 3rd September 1999
Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial
Reported by: Family
from:
on:
Pathologist: N/A

Address: Code A
Date of Birth: Code A
Place of Birth: Shirebrook, Nottinghamshire
Deceased's Occupation: Insurance Surveyor
Marital Status: Married
Maiden Name: Not known
Name of Surviving Wife: Betty PACKMAN
Date of Birth:
Occupation:

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS

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Occupation:
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Code A

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Coroners Initial Sudden Death Report

CO/1

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Name: Geoffrey Michael John PACKMAN

Address: **Code A**

Date of Birth:
 Age: 67 Years.

Date of Death: 3rd September 1999

Place of Death: Gosport War Memorial Ward:

Mortuary:

Removed By:

Funeral Directors:

General Practitioner: Hospital Consultant:

Reported By: Family

Reason for Referral: Family concerns Y/N

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- 1a)
- 1b)
- 1c)
- 2)

Pathologist:

INQUEST CASES:

Date Opened 14/5/08 Time: 9am Inquest Date: Time:

Adjournments:

Signed By: David Clark Horsley
Coroner, Portsmouth South East Hampshire

Date: 13th May 2008

GEOFFREY MICHAEL JOHN PACKMAN DECEASED

1. Full Name (if different from above):

2. Maiden Name (if appropriate):

10/11/08

3. Last Permanent Address:

Code A



4. Date of Birth:

Code A

5. Place of Birth:

SHIREBROOK (REG DISTRICT MANSFIELD) NOTTS

6. Last Occupation Before Retirement (if known):

INSURANCE SURVEYOR

7. Marital Status:

HUSBAND

8. Name of Surviving Spouse (if applicable):

BETTY PACKMAN