

IN THE CORONERS COURT  
OF VICTORIA  
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: COR 2013 000149

**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

*Form 37 Rule 60(1)*

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

**Inquest into the Death of: ABDOULAH DENNAOUI**

Delivered On:	8 AUGUST 2013 and PUBLISHED ON 1 OCTOBER 2013
Delivered At:	MELBOURNE
Hearing Dates:	8 AUGUST 2013
Findings of:	CORONER K.M.W. PARKINSON
Place of death/Suspected death:	WYNDHAM VALE, VICTORIA
Counsel Assisting	LEADING SENIOR CONSTABLE AMANDA MAYBURY

I, K M. W. PARKINSON, Coroner

having investigated the death of MR ABDOULAH DENNAOUI  
AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 8 AUGUST 2013  
at MELBOURNE  
find that the identity of the deceased was ABDOULAH DENNAOUI  
born on 17 FEBRUARY 1990  
and the death occurred on 10 JANUARY 2013  
at WYNDHAM VALE, VICTORIA

**from:**

1A. COMPLICATIONS OF CEREBRAL PALSY

**in the following circumstances:**

1. A summary inquest was held in relation to the circumstances of the death of Abdoulah in circumstances where Abdoulah was in care. The inquest is a mandatory inquest.
2. Abdoulah was 22 years of age at the time of this death. He was born on 17 February 1990 and at the time of his death he resided in residential disability care operated by the Department of Human Services, Victoria.
3. Abdoulah had a significant medical history, including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, chest infections and was regularly treated and medically managed by his GP, Dr Silver, who attended him at the facility.
4. In the evening of 9 January 2013, Abdoulah was reported by evening shift staff to have been awake and responsive at 9.00 p.m. and in his bedroom. He was observed regularly throughout the night shift. He was recorded to have been sleeping and breathing normally on a number of observation reports.
5. At 7.00 a.m. on 10 January 2013, Abdoulah was observed by the morning shift staff to have continued sleeping and breathing normally. An observation check records these facts. Abdoulah was recorded as sleeping face down, however, he was observed to have been normally respirating.

6. At 9.15 a.m. an employee attended to wake Abdoulah and he was located sitting cross-legged in his bed slumped face forward with his face into the pillow. He was unresponsive and he was cold to the touch.
7. An ambulance was called and resuscitation measures were initiated, however they were not effective. There were no suspicious circumstances reported by Victoria Police upon their attendance.
8. Dr Melissa Baker, forensic pathologist with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, reported that the cause of the death was as a result of complications of cerebral palsy and that Abdoulah's death was due to natural causes. There were no issues in relation to toxicology.
9. I am satisfied that there were no issues in relation to the care or management of Abdoulah during the course of his residence at the facility, nor were there issues in relation to his medical management.
10. In those circumstances I find that Abdoulah Dennaoui died as a result of complications of cerebral palsy and that his death was entirely due to natural causes.
11. I direct that a copy of these findings be provided to the family of Mr Abdoulah Dennaoui, the Interested Parties and to the Investigating Police Officer.

Signature:



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K M. W. PARKINSON  
CORONER  
1 October 2013

