



IN THE CORONERS COURT  
OF VICTORIA  
AT MELBOURNE

**COR 2025 002196**

**FINDING INTO DEATH WITHOUT INQUEST**

*Form 38 Rule 63(2)*

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

Findings of:	Coroner Therese McCarthy
Deceased:	Abdirahman Mohamed Yusuf
Date of birth:	06 August 1989
Date of death:	23 April 2025
Cause of death:	1a : SELF INFLICTED ELECTROCUTION
Place of death:	80A Forrest Street Albion Victoria 3020

1. I, Coroner Therese McCarthy, having investigated the death of Abdirahman Mohamed Yusuf and without holding an inquest, make the following findings pursuant to section 67(1) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (**‘the Act’**):
  - a) the identity of the deceased was Abdirahman Mohamed Yusuf, born 06 August 1989;
  - b) the death occurred on 23 April 2025 at 80A Forrest Street Albion Victoria 3020; and
  - c) the cause of death was 1(a) SELF INFLICTED ELECTROCUTION, and
  - d) the death occurred in the circumstances described below.
2. Abdirahman was 35 years old at the time of his death. He was one of 4 siblings who moved from Somalia to Kenya when he was 3 years old and then migrated to Australia. His brother Abdullahai provided a statement for this investigation and advised that he had been close to his brother when they were young. He described him as happy go lucky, smart, an avid reader, who loved socializing, was very outgoing and had a loud laugh. He said his brother was kind and gentle, stubborn and argumentative. He said he didn’t often talk about his mental health so he couldn’t say much about that.
3. He said his brother pretty much kept to himself, but he was aware that he had a long term relationship with someone called Shay.
4. The court is grateful to Abdullahai for his generous insights into his brother’s life.

### **Circumstances of death**

5. Abdirahman Yusef was found by his housemates after Shay called them and asked them to check on his welfare when he had not shown up for work.
6. Police were called after his housemates found him in his bedroom deceased.
7. There is no evidence to suggest that any other person was involved in the death.
8. I make no further findings with respect to the circumstances in which the death occurred, under section 67(2) of the Act, because I did not hold an inquest, and I find that:
  - a) Abdirahman was not, immediately before his death, a person placed in custody or care; and

- b) there is no public interest to be served in making further findings regarding the circumstances of Abdirahman's tragic death.

### **Investigation and coronial brief**

9. The investigation into Abdirahman's death was commenced by Coroner John Olle. I assumed carriage of the investigation after Coroner Colle's retirement and have made these findings based on the investigation.
10. I note that this investigation included a comprehensive coronial brief of evidence prepared by First Constable Darcii Jo Edwards. The coronial brief included statements from Abdirahman's family and friends. I have had close regard to the contents of the statements but shall not repeat the contents except where is necessary and appropriate to do so.
11. There was body worn footage of the police arrival at Abdirahman's home which was viewed as part of the investigation. I direct that a copy of the brief be retained on the court file.

### **Medical cause of death**

12. Senior Forensic Pathologist Dr Paul Bedford from the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) conducted an inspection of the body on 24 April 2025 and provided a written report of his findings dated 28 April 2025.
13. Dr Bedford provided an opinion that the medical cause of death was 1(a) SELF INFLICTED ELECTROCUTION.
14. Toxicological analysis identified the presence of Cannabinol and v tetrahydrocannabinol but did not identify the presence of any alcohol or other common drugs or poisons.
15. I accept Dr Bedford's opinion.

### **Conclusion**

16. Having considered all of the circumstances, I am satisfied that Abdirahman's death was the intended consequence of the deliberate attachment of electrical wires to the body from a power point leading to self inflicted electrocution. I am satisfied that Abdulrahman intentionally took his own life.
17. I extend my sincere condolences to Abdirahman's family and friends for their loss.

I direct that a copy of this finding be provided to the following:

Mariam Issa, Senior Next of Kin

Dr Rabia FARRUKH, Abdirahman's General Practitioner

First Constable Darcii Jo Edwards, Coronial Investigator

Signature:



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Coroner Therese McCarthy

Date: 03 June 2026

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NOTE: Under section 83 of the *Coroners Act 2008* ('the Act'), a person with sufficient interest in an investigation may appeal to the Trial Division of the Supreme Court against the findings of a coroner in respect of a death after an investigation. An appeal must be made within 6 months after the day on which the determination is made, unless the Supreme Court grants leave to appeal out of time under section 86 of the Act.

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