

Determination of Cause of Death

The information provided below synthesizes all of the information received by the investigation team regarding the cause of Ms. Linda Norgrove's death.

The Coroner in the case, Mr. (b)(6) has opened and adjourned the inquest into Ms. Norgrove's death. During the opening session, Detective Chief Inspector (b)(6) informed the Coroner that the post mortem had established that the cause of death was penetrating fragment injuries to the head and chest. These injuries are consistent with medical triage examination carried out on scene and the fact that initial examination did not find any signs of life present. The injuries are also consistent with the nature of the munitions utilized during the operation.

A separate, non fragmentation, injury was also identified and assessed as a gunshot wound as the result of a probable ricochet or shoot through rather than a direct impact.

The fragmentation injuries were assessed as causing almost immediate loss of consciousness and death.

The formal determination of the cause of death will be delivered by the Coroner at the end of the Inquest.