



January 16, 2008

TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
FROM: RICHARD L. KELLER  
RE: CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2007

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of November, 2007:

Return to Doctor Cases: <sup>(1)</sup>	241
<u>Coroner's Cases: <sup>(2), (3)</sup></u>	<u>31</u>
Total Death Investigations:	272

Total death investigations for November, 2007: 272

Total death investigations for November, 2006: 306

- (1) Return to Doctor (Medical Professional) Cases:  
Minimal Investigation is needed; primarily consisting of review of medical history, medical records, and discussion with health care providers involved in the case.
- (2) Inquiry Cases:  
More extensive investigation is required to determine whether death is from natural or "unnatural" causes; and excluding causes or manner of death mandating Coroner's Inquest.
- (3) Inquest Cases  
Thorough investigation as to the cause of death, with subsequent presentation for a Coroner's Jury, who must determine the manner of death (i.e., homicide, suicide, accidental, or undetermined). Inquest cases are mandated by Illinois Statute by type of death.



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## November, 2007 Inquiry Cases

"Inquiry Pending" - Cause indeterminate at present, pending completion of Inquiry.

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60002	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60035	Hypertensive Heart Disease		
60042	Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Atherosclerosis	
60044	Ischemic Heart Disease	Peripheral Vascular Disease	
60046	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60060	Glomerulonephritis	Pulmonary Hemorrhage	
60073	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	Morbid Obesity	
60085	Hypertension	Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	
60096	Prader Willi Syndrome		

## November, 2007 Inquest Cases

"Pending" - Cause indeterminate at present, pending completion of Inquest.

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60004	A Hanging		
60010	Methadone Intoxication		
60015	Pending		
60031	Drowning		
60045	Hanging		
60046	Multiple Injuries	Pedestrian Vs. Motor Vehicle Collision	
60060	Cervical Injuries	Fall From Height	
60060	Polysubstance Overdose	Methadone and Tramadol	
60064	Acute Heroin Intoxication	Consumption of Heroin	
60064	Multiple Injuries	Motor Vehicle Collision	
60073	Hanging		
60073	Pending		
60073	Carbon Monoxide Intoxication	Inhalation of Smoke and Soot	Garage Fire
60074	Cranio-cerebral Trauma	Motor Vehicle Collision	
60085	Cocaine Intoxication		
60085	Undetermined Causes		
60085	Positional Asphyxia	Fall from Power Wheelchair	
60091	A Hanging		
60099	Asphyxia due to Foreign Body Airway Obstruction		
60099	Polysubstance Overdose	Consumption of Alcohol and Opiates	
60619	Multiple Injuries	Motor Vehicle Collision	
60623	Methadone Intoxication		

## November, 2007 Return to Medical Professional Cases

Those without "Immediate Cause" are awaiting copies of death certificates with the Medical Professional's diagnosis of cause of death.

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
43068	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Respiratory Failure	Metastatic Lung Cancer
48213	Sudden Arrhythmia Secondary to Pericarditis		
53121	Breast Cancer		
53142	Hepatic Cancer with widespread metastases	Hepatitis B & C	
60002	Liver Failure		
60002	Coronary Artery Disease	Hypertension	Diabetes Mellitus Type II
60002	Pancreatic Carcinoma		
60002	Ovarian Cancer		
60002	Alzheimer's Dementia		
60002	Congestive Heart Failure		
60002	Cardiac Respiratory Arrest	Intracranial Bleed Secondary to Hypertensive Crisis	Chronic Renal Failure
60002	Severe Dementia		
60004	Metastatic Cancer		
60004	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
60004	Dementia		
60004	Coronary Artery Disease		
60005	Respiratory Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
60010	Colon Cancer		
60010	Prostate Cancer		
60010	Breast Cancer		
60010	Cerebrovascular Accident		
60010	Alzheimer's Disease		
60010	Intracranial Hemorrhage	Respiratory Failure	
60010	Cardiorenal Syndrome		
60010	Cerebrovascular Accident		
60010	Alzheimer's		
60010	Recurrent Pleural Effusion	End Stage Congestive Heart Failure	End Stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60010	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60010	Acute Myelogenous Leukemia		
60013	Lung Cancer	Nicotine Addiction	
60013	Unknown		
60015	Coronary Artery Disease		
60015	Sepsis	Colitis Ischemic	
60015	Breast Cancer	Lung Cancer	Brain Cancer
60015	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
60015	Acute Renal Failure	Chronic Renal Failure	
60015	Myocardial Infarction		
60015	Renal Cell Carcinoma		
60015	End-Stage Kidney Disease	Congestive Heart Failure	
60015	Advanced Alzheimer's Dementia		
60015	Myocardial Infarction		
60020	Cardiopulmonary Arrest		
60022	Failure to Thrive	Stroke	Diabetes
60030	Myocardial Infarction		
60030	Urosepsis	Renal Failure	Prostate Cancer
60030	Respiratory Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	
60030	Metastatic Bladder Cancer		

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60030	Prolapsed Umbilical Cord	Premature Preterm Rupture of Membrane	
60030	Parkinson's Disease		
60030	Heart Failure	Renal Failure	
60031	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
60031	Stroke	Acute Atrial Fibrillation	
60031	Failure to Thrive	General Debility	
60031	Stroke		
60031	Acute Coronary Insufficiency,		
60031	Metastatic Breast Cancer		
60031	Cerebrovascular Accident		
60031	Lung Cancer		
60031	Non Small Cell Carcinoma of Lung	Bony Metastasis and Liver	Coronary Artery Disease
60035	Pancreatic Cancer		
60035	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Ischemic Heart Disease	
60035	Bilateral Pneumonia, Sepsis		
60035	Renal Failure	Sepsis	
60035	Respiratory Failure	Dehydration - Malnutrition	Cerebrovascular Accident
60035	Parkinson's		
60035	Respiratory Failure	Comatose State	MRSA
60035	Advanced Alzheimer's Dementia		
60035	Carcinoma		
60035	Glioblastoma		
60035	Stroke	Aspiration Pneumonia	
60040	Respiratory and Cardiac Failure	Sepsis	Bacteremia
60040	Dementia		
60041	Dementia		
60041	Congestive Heart Failure		
60042	Lung Cancer		
60044	Bilateral Strokes	Congestive Heart Failure	Renal Failure
60044	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
60044	Exacerbation	Chronic Renal Failure	HTN
60044	Congestive Heart Failure	Coronary Artery Disease	
60044	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease		
60045	Chronic Kidney Failure/Myocardial Infarction		
60045	Uterine Cancer		
60045	Dementia		
60045	Respiratory Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
60045	Failure to Thrive	Congestive Heart Failure	
60045	Hypoxia		
60045	Esophageal Cancer		
60046	Cardiorespiratory Failure	Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	
60046	Coronary Artery Disease	Renal Failure	Anemia
60046	Gastric Cancer		
60046	End Stage Renal Disease	Hypertension	
60046			
60046	Congestive Heart Failure	Hypertension	
60046	Dementia	Urosepsis	
60046	Coronary Artery Disease		
60046	Basal Cell Cancer	Leukemia	
60046	Sepsis	Dehydration	
60046	Alzheimer's Disease		
60046	Dementia	Parkinson's Disease	
60046	Acute Febrile Illness	Failure to Thrive	Dementia
60047	Multiple Myeloma	Coronary Artery Disease	
60047	Recurrent Aspiration	End Stage Pneumonia	Dementia
60047	Aortic Stenosis		

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60047	Metastatic Breast Cancer		
60047	Cirrhosis of the Liver	Hepatitis C	
60047	Rectal Cancer		
60047	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease		
60047	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease		
60047	Leaking Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm		
60048	Failure to thrive	Leukemia	Dementia
60048	Pancreatic Cancer		
60048	Cardiorespiratory Failure		
60048	Respiratory Failure	Pneumonia, Aspiration	
60048	Diabetes Mellitus		
60048	Metastatic Breast Cancer		
60048	Bacteremia	Dementia	
60048	Pneumonia	Congestive Heart Failure	
60048	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	
60048	Alzheimer's		
60048	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Renal Failure	
60048	Cerebrovascular Accident	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis	Alzheimer's
60048	Respiratory Failure	Bowel Obstruction	
60048	Interventricular Bleed		
60048	Pneumonia	Lung Cancer	
60048	Cardiorespiratory Failure	Arteriosclerotic & Hypertensive	Cardiovascular Disease
60053	Dementia		
60060	Metastatic Cancer Lung		
60060	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60060	Endocarditis	Chronic Renal Failure	
60060	Peritoneal Cancer		
60060	Lung Cancer	Lymphoma	
60060	Chronic Renal Failure	Respiratory Depression	
60060	Alcoholic Cardiomyopathy	Hypokalemia	
60060	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Essential Hypertention	
60061	Aortic Stenosis	Congestive Heart Failure	
60061	Pancreatic Cancer		
60061	Pulmonary Fibrosis		
60061	Alzheimer's Dementia	Parkinsons	
60061	Sepsis	Pneumonia	
60061	Pancreatic Carcinoma		
60061	Anoxic Encephalopathy	Syncope	Cardiopulmonary Arrest
60062	Pneumonia, Sepsis	Hypertension	
60062	Septic Shock	Heart Failure	
60062	Coronary Artery Disease		
60062	Myocardial Infarction		
60062	Pneumonia	Sepsis	
60064	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Acute Renal Failure	Septic Schock
60064	Cancer Bladder		
60067	Alzheimer's Dementia	Pneumonia	
60068	Pneumonia		
60069	Renal Failure	Sepsis	Pneumonia
60069	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Pneumonia	Sarcoma
60069	Acute Renal Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease
60069	Alzheimer's Dementia		
60069	Myocardial Infarction	Hypertension	
60069	Metastatic Breast Cancer		
60069	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Dementia	Malnutrition
60069	End Stage Ischemic Cardiomyopathy	Myelodysplastic Syndrome	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
60073	Breast Cancer	Congestive Heart Failure	Renal Failure

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60073	Failure to Thrive	Severe Aortic Stenosis	Cardiomyopathy
60073	Congestive Heart Failure	Coronary Artery Disease	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Dementia	
60073	Premature Rupture of Membrane	Extreme Prematurity	
60073	Acute Respiratory Failure	Bilateral Pneumonia	
60073	Noncompliant Uncontrolled Diabetes		
60073	Acute Respiratory Failure	Extensive Pneumonias	Severe Chronic obstructive lungs disease
60073	Peripheral Vascular Disease	Diabetes Mellitus	
60073	Stillborn		
60081	Congestive Heart Failure	Cardiomyopathy	Sleep Apnea with Chronic Hypoxia
60081	Bronchial Pneumonia	Alzheimer's Disease	
60081	Failure to Thrive	Alzheimer's	
60083	Cerebrovascular Accident	Coronary Artery Disease	Chronic Atrial Fibrillation
60083	Coronary Artery Disease	Peripheral Vascular Disease	HTN
60084	Coronary Artery Disease		
60084	Coronary Artery Disease	Diabetes	Alzheimer's Dementia
60084	Dementia	Failure to Thrive	Hypertension
60084	Pneumonia		
60084	Cardiac Arrhythmia	Aortic Stenosis	Hypertension
60084	Alzheimer's		
60084	Metastatic Renal Cell Cancer		
60084			
60084	Urosepsis	MRSA Sputum	Dementia
60084	Carcinoma of Pancreas		
60085	Bronchiectasis		
60085	Stage IV Cervical Carcinoma		
60085	Myocardial Infarction		
60085	Myocardial Infarction		
60085	Cerebrovascular Disease	Arteriosclerosis	
60085	Cerebral Vascular Accident		
60085	Myocardial Infarction		
60085	Chronic Respiratory Failure	Hypoventillation Syndrome	
60085			
60085	Multiple Strokes	Coronary Artery Disease	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60085	Sudden Cardiac Death	Coronary Artery Disease	Hypertension, Obesity
60085	End Stage Renal Disease	Type II Diabetes Mellitus	
60085	Leukemia		
60085	Coronary Artery Disease		
60085	Pneumonia		
60087	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Atherosclerosis	
60087	Fetal Demise		
60087	Exacerbation of Lupus Erythematosus	Metastatic Encephalopathy	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60089	Breast Cancer		
60089	Dementia	Cardiac Arrest	Hypertension
60089	End Stage Renal Disease		
60089	Head and Neck Cancer		
60089	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60089	Cerebrovascular Accident	Atrial Fibrillation	Hypertension
60089	Cerebrovascular Accident	Cerebrovascular Disease	Atrial Fibrillation
60089	End Stage Liver Disease	Cirrhosis	
60089	Congestive Heart Failure		
60091	Lung Cancer		
60096	Sepsis		
60096	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	



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60096	Acute Renal Failure	Carcinoma of Esophagus	Coronary Artery Disease
60098	Pulmonary Embolism		
60099	Pneumonia		
60099	Failure to Thrive	Dementia vascular/Alzheimer's	
60099	Metastatic Colon Cancer		
60099	Cerebral Vascular Accident	Atherosclerosis	
60099	Congestive Heart Failure		
60099	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	Cerebrovascular Accident	Hypertension
60099	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Emphysema	
60099	Failure to thrive		
60099	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	Hypertension	
60099	Metastatic Colon Cancer	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	
60099	Failure to Thrive	Old Age	
60099	Sepsis		
60099	Non small Cell Lung CA with Metastases		
60099	Sepsis	Cerebrovascular Accident	Osteomyelitis
60099	Cardiorespiratory Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic renal Failure
60099	Dehydration	Atered Mental Status	Colon Cancer
60099	Sepsis	Infected VAD	Diabetes
60099	Sepsis	Prostate Cancer	
60110	Liver Failure	Renal Failure	
60203			
60402	Congestive Heart Failure	Coronary Artery Disease	Dementia
60404	Pancreatic Cancer	Common Bile Duct Obstruction	Hepato-Renal Syndrome
60477	Alzheimer's Disease	Cerebrovascular Accident	
60513	Intestinal Hemorrhage		
60617	Pancreatic Cancer		
60622	Myocardial Infarction		
60629	Failure to Thrive		
77598	Respiratory Failure and Pneumonia		
85737	Respiratory Failure	Advanced Dementia	
87124	Failure to Thrive	Atherosclerosis	