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

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

Return to Doctor Cases: ⁽¹⁾	269
Coroner's Cases: ^{(2), (3)}	<u>38</u>
Total Death Investigations:	307

Total death investigations for December, 2007: 307

Total death investigations for December, 2006: 319

- (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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December, 2007 Inquiry Cases

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

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60010	Pending		
60010	Pending		
60020	Pending		
60031	Chronic Alcoholism		
60031	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease		
60035	Pending		
60035	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease		
60044	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60060	Pending		
60064	Chronic Bronchial Asthma		
60084	Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease		
60085	Coronary Atherosclerosis		
60085	Acute Coronary Artery Insufficiency	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	Coronary Artery Disease
60085	Status Epilepticus		
60085	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60085	Diabetes Mellitus		
60090	Pending		
60098	PENDING		
60098	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60099	Pending		

December, 2007 Inquest Cases

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

Zip	Immediate Cause	Due To	Due To
60013	Multiple Traumatic Injuries	Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Collision	
60021	Anoxic Brain Damage	Airway Obstruction	
60030	Acute Polysubstance Intoxication	Consumption of Cocaine and Heroin	
60030	Methadone Overdose		
60031	Polysubstance Overdose	Consumption of Alcohol and Hydrocodone	
60035	Multiple Traumatic Injuries	Train vs. Pedestrian Collision	
60041	Acute Methadone Intoxication		
60044	Pending		
60046	Pending		
60064	PENDING		
60064	Penetrating Gunshot Wound to Chest		
60073	Polysubstance Overdose		
60073	Multiple Traumatic Injuries	Snowmobile Versus Fixed Object	
60085	Pending		
60087	Subdural Hematoma	A Fall	
60091	Pending		
60096	Pending		
60099	Intracerebral Hemorrhage	A Fall	

December, 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
37401	Cardiorespiratory Arrest	Massive Pulmonary Embolism	Lung Cancer
44092	End Stage Alzheimer's	Failure to Thrive	Colon Cancer
48433	Diarrhea	Dehydration	
53177	Myocardial Infarction	Debubitus	Alzheimers Dementia
60002	Ovarian Cancer	Small Bowel Obstruction	
60002	Respiratory Failure	ALS	
60002	Pneumonia	Failure to Thrive	
60002	Respiratory Failure	Liver Failure	
60004	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Renal Insufficiency	Chronic Venous Thrombosis
60005	Dementia		
60008	Failure to Thrive	Dehydration & Malnutrition	Aortic Stenosis
60010	Congestive Heart Failure		
60010	Failure to Thrive	Multisystem Atrophy	
60010	Metastatic Colon Cancer		
60010	Rectal Carcinoma		
60010	Pneumonia		
60013	Urethral Carcinoma		
60013	Lung Cancer		
60013	Ventricular Tachycardia	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy	
60013	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy		
60015	Myocardial Infarction		
60015	Cirrhosis	Hypertension	Pleural Effusion
60015	Aspiration Pneumonia	End-stage Parkinson's	End-stage Dementia
60015	Pulmonary Embolism	Deep Veinous Thrombosis	
60015	Cardiovascular Arrest	Congestive Heart Failure	
60015	Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60015	Aortic Dissection		
60015	Cerebrovascular Accident	Hypertension	
60015	Metastatic Carcinoma of Bladder		
60015	Organic Brain Syndrome	Parkinson's Disease	failure to Thrive
60015	Congestive Heart Failure	Hypertension	
60015	Esophageal Cancer		
60015	Bacterial Sepsis	Metastatic Carcinoma of Unknown Origin	Dementia
60016	Septic Shock	Septicemia	
60016	Congestive Heart Failure	Coronary Artery Disease	Dementia
60020	Dementia		
60020	Malignancy of Brain		
60020	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
60020	Cancer of Lung		
60021	Ischemic Heart Disease		
60021	Extreme Prematurity		
60030	Endometrial Cancer		
60030	Aspiration Pneumonia	Neurogenic Dysphagia	
60030	Angina	Pneumonia	Dementia
60030	Diabetes Mellitus		
60030	Coronary Artery Disease	Parkinson's Disease	

60030	Renal Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	
60030	Pericardial Tamponade	Coronary Perforation	Coronary Artery Disease
60030	Ventricular Fibrillation	Coronary Artery Disease	Anoxic Encephalopathy
60030	Metastatic Gastroesophageal Cancer		
60030	Stroke		
60030	Cardiac Respiratory Arrest	Hypertension	Osteoarthritis
60030	Congestive Heart Failure		
60030	Aspiration Pneumonia	Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	
60030	Kidney Failure		
60031	Congestive Heart Failure		
60031	Pulmonary Fibrosis		
60031	Myocardial Infarction		
60031	Asystole	Heart Failure	
60031	Ventricular Fibrillation	Acute Pulmonary Edema	Coronary Artery Disease
60031	Cardiopulmonary Arrest		
60031	Pneumonia		
60031	Acute Coronary Syndrome		
60031	Metastatic Renal Carcinoma		
60031	Congestive Heart Failure	Hypertension	Degenerative Joint Disease
60035	Plasmacytoma		
60035	Pneumonia	Renal Failure	
60035	Metastatic Lung Cancer	Pulmonary Embolism	
60035	Acute Myocardial Infarction		
60035	Adenocarcinoma of Esophagus		
60035	Sepsis		
60035	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60035	Failure to Thrive	History of Cerebral Vascular	
60035	Dementia	Carotid Artery Disease	Hypertension
60035	Breast Cancer		
60035	Hemorrhagic Cerebrovascular Accident		
60035	Interabdominal Ischemia		
60035	Progressive Supranuclear Palsy	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	
60035	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease		
60040	Cardiac Arrhythmia	Coronary Artery Disease	
60040	Congestive Heart Failure	Ischemic Heart Failure	
60044	Pelvic Mass		
60044	Cardio Pulmonary Arrest	Pneumonia	Acute Renal Failure
60044	Metastatic Gastroesophageal Cancer		
60044	Pancreatic Cancer		
60044			
60044	Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Liver Failure		
60044	Myocardial Rupture	Acute Myocardial Infarct	
60044			
60044	Pulmonary Emboli	Metastatic Lung Cancer	
60045	Pending		
60045	Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia		
60045	Respiratory Failure	Carcinoma of Pancreas	
60045	Acute Leukemia	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	
60045	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Metastatic Liver Cancer	
60045	Dementia		
60045	Breast Cancer		
60045	Cardiac Arrhythmia	Kidney Infection	
60045	Lung Cancer		
60046	Fetal Demise		
60046	Metastatic Cancer	Pathologic Femur Fracture	

60046	Carcinoma of Tonsil		
60046	Respiratory Failure	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60046	Cholangiocarcinoma		
60046	Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease		
60046	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Bowel Obstruction	
60046	Congestive Heart Failure	Atrial Fibrillation	
60046	Congestive Heart Failure		
60046	Metastatic Colon Cancer	Sepsis	Pneumonia
60046	Failure to Thrive	Congestive Heart Failure	
60046	Parkinson's Disease	Coronary Artery Disease	Atrial Fibrillation
60046	Chronic Angina	Coronary Artery Disease	
60046	Cardiac Arrest	Coronary Pulmonale	Hip Fracture
60046	Atrial Fibrillation		
60046	Dementia	Alzheimer's Type	
60047	Aspiration Pneumonia	Dysphagia	Hypertension
60047	Aspiration Pneumonia		
60047			
60047	Respiratory Failure	Advanced Dementia	
60047	Pneumonia	Aspiration	Failure to Thrive
60047			
60047	Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer		
60047	Metastatic Colon Cancer	Alzheimer's Dementia	
60047	Acute Renal Failure	Alzheimer's Dementia	
60047	Congestive Heart Failure		
60047	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Severe Chrons Disease	Failure to Thrive
60047	Diabetes Mellitus	Peripheral Vascular Disease	Morbid Obesity
60048	Pneumonia Aspiration	Alzheimer's Dementia	
60048	Sudden Coronary Death	Coronary Artery Disease	
60048	Failure to thrive		
60048	Respiratory Failure	Advanced Dementia	
60048	Alzheimer's Dementia	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Lot Effects Cerebrovascular Accident
60048	Acute Ischemic Event	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	
60048	Coronary Artery Disease		
60048	Cerebrovascular Accident		
60048	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Congestive Heart Failure	
60048	Renal Failure		
60048	Cerebrovascular Disease		
60048	Atherosclerotic Heart Disease	Coronary Artery Disease	Diabetes Mellitus
60048	Failure to Thrive	Dementia	Leukemia
60048	Sepsis	Aspiration Pneumonia	
60050	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	Atherosclerosis
60050	Myocardial Infarction		
60051	Cerebral Vascular Accident	Alzheimer's Disease	Failure to Thrive
60051	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60060	Chronic Respiratory Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Osteoarthritis
60060	Rheumatoid Pulmonary Disease	Cardiac Arrhythmia	Rheumatoid Arthritis
60060	Hemorrhagic Cerebral Vascular Accident		
60060	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Congestive Heart Failure	Failure to Thrive
60060	Septic Shock	Non Hodgkins Lymphoma	
60060	Congestive Heart Failure		
60060	Failure to Thrive	Alzheimer's Disease	
60060	Renal Failure	Dementia	
60061	Pneumonia		
60061	Congestive Heart Failure		
60061	Central Nervous System Malignancy	Unknown Primary Tumor	

60061	Pulmonary Fibrosis	Alzheimer's Dementia	
60061			
60061	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Acute Renal Failure	
60061	Acute Aortic Dissection		
60061	Cerebral Vascular Accident		
60061	Acute Respiratory Failure	Sepsis	
60061	Congestive Heart Failure	Aortic Stenosis	Acute Stroke
60061	Pneumonia	Dementia	
60062	Metastatic Lung Cancer		
60063	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
60064			
60064	Septic Shock	Catheter Related Sepsis	Pneumonia
60064	Coronary Artery Disease		
60067	Ventricular Arrhythmia	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy	Coronary Artery Disease
60067	Metastatic Bladder Cancer		
60069	Respiratory Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60073	Malignant Lymphoma		
60073	Alzheimer's Disease	Cerebral Vascular Insufficiency	
60073	Multi-organ failure	Ischemic-gangrenous bowel	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Renal Failure	
60073	Cardiac Respiratory Arrest	Septicemia	
60073	Chronic Heart Failure	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease	
60073	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	Myocardial Infarction	
60073	Respiratory Arrest	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
60073	Alzheimer's Dementia		
60073	Brain Neoplasm		
60073	Myocardial Infarction		
60073	Colon Cancer	Mets to Liver	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Pneumonia	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Congestive Heart Failure	
60073	Respiratory Failure	Advanced Dementia	
60073	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60073	Fetal Heart Defect	Hypoplastic of Left Heart	
60074	Prostate Cancer		
60081	Metastatic Carcinoma of Lung		
60083	Cardiopulmonary Arrest		
60083	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60083	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60084	Acute Respiratory Failure	Acute Pulmonary Embolism	Sepsis, Renal Failure
60084	Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Widespread Metastasis to Bone	Hypertension
60084	Acute Aspiration Pneumonia	Respiratory Failure	Severe Neurogenic Dysphagia
60084	Prostate Cancer		
60084	Respiratory Failure	Pulmonary Edema	Sepsis
60084	Bronchopneumonia	Perforated Gastric Ulcer	
60085	Coronary Artery Disease		
60085	Cardiac Arrest	Respiratory Failure	Renal Failure
60085	Cardio Pulmonary Arrest	Ischemic Stroke	
60085	Breast Cancer w/Metz		
60085	Failure to Thrive	Alzheimer's Disease	
60085	Colon Cancer		
60085	Cardiogenic Shock	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease
60085	Advanced Alzheimer's Disease		
60085	Pulmonary Fibrosis		
60085	Acute Aspiration Pneumonia	Respiratory Failure	
60085	Sepsis	Pneumonia	

60085	Metastatic Meningioma		
60085	Respiratory Failure	Metastatic Pancreatic Carcinoma	Chronic End Stage Renal Failure
60085	Acute Myocardial Infarction		
60085	Pneumonia		
60085	Cardiac Arrest	Anoxic Encephalopathy	
60085	Cerebrovascular Accident	Cerebral Atherosclerosis	
60085	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Diabetes Mellitus	Hypertension
60085	Myocardial Infarction		
60085	Acute Coronary Syndrome	Pneumonia	Chronic Respiratory Failure
60085	Cardiac Arrest	Renal Insufficiency	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60085	Cardiogenic Shock	Dilated Cardiomyopathy	
60085	Chronic Kidney Disease	Systemic Lupus	
60085	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease		
60085	Lung Cancer	Bone and Brain Mets	
60085	Metastatic Cancer of the Stomach		
60085	Myelodysplasia		
60087	Congestive Heart Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Sleep Apnea
60087	Carcinoma of Lung		
60087	Pancreatic Cancer		
60087	Respiratory Failure	Aspiration Pneumonia	
60087	Cardiac Respiratory Arrest	Diabetes Mellitus	Hypertension
60087	Malignant Melanoma		
60087	Dementia	Alzheimer's	
60089	Dementia	Renal Insufficiency	Hypertension
60089	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60089	Pulmonary Embolism		
60089	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis		
60089	Alzheimer's Dementia		
60089	Metastatic Breast Cancer		
60093	Cerebral Vascular Disease		
60096	Urosepsis		
60096	Coronary Artery Disease	Hypertension	
60096	Multiple Sclerosis		
60099	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	Diabetes Mellitus
60099	Small Cell Lung Cancer with Brain Mets	Cerebrovascular Accident	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60099	Lung Cancer		
60099	Respiratory Failure	Sepsis	Pneumonia
60099	Bilateral Pneumonia		
60099	Advanced Alzheimer's Dementia		
60099	Cardiac Respiratory Arrest	History Cancer of Colon	
60099	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Dementia	Cerebrovascular Accident
60099	Coronary Artery Disease	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Dementia
60099	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Coronary Artery Disease	
60099	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Cancer	
60110	End Stage Renal Disease		
60110	Pneumonia		
60120	Pneumonia	Acute Respiratory Failure	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
60176	Respiratory Failure	Extensive Metastatic Melanoma	
60194	Failure to Thrive	Parkinson's Disease	
60201	Right Foot Gangrene		
60608	End Stage Liver Disease	Cirrhosis	Alcoholism, Substance Abuse
60610			
60645	Dementia		
64801	Multi Organ Failure	Metastatic Carcinoma	