

Inmate's death ruled accidental

Last year's death of a Maplehurst inmate was ruled accidental in an inquest held in town last week.

The inquest, which took place April 11 and 12 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre, examined the circumstances surrounding the death of 49-year-old Earnesto Borea in July of last year at Milton District Hospital.

An inquest is mandatory when anyone dies in custody. The five-person coroner's jury determined the cause of death to be brain hemorrhaging and internal bleeding.

The inmate had cirrhosis of the liver which resulted in problems with blood clotting, explained Dr. Karen Acheson, regional supervising coroner for central west Ontario with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Mr. Borea was bleeding into his head due to the clotting problems, which caused him to fall, Dr. Acheson said. His already damaged spleen was then ruptured.

"It's only because of the fall that it was ruled as accidental. Otherwise it would have been natural (cause of death)," Dr. Acheson said.

There were no recommendations that resulted from the inquest.

Dr. John Ewen presided as the inquest coroner.

Two teens charged with assault after student struck in the head

Two Milton teens are facing assault charges after a female student was repeatedly struck in the head during an altercation at a Georgetown high school Tuesday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police arrived at Georgetown District High School just before 1 p.m., police said, and stopped a car not far from the school carrying five Milton teens — four females and a male.

Police said there had been an ongoing

disagreement between the youths and an 18-year-old Georgetown woman.

The situation became heated when the Milton youths showed up at the Georgetown school, and a confrontation took place.

Police said the Georgetown teen was struck repeatedly in the body and head area with a miniature baseball bat about a foot long.

Another Georgetown student, who's 17,

was also punched in the face, and a window of a nearby car was broken.

Both of the Georgetown students suffered swelling and bruising on their faces and bodies, but otherwise weren't seriously injured, police said.

A 17-year-old Milton female was charged with assault with a weapon, assault and mischief under \$5,000. An 18-year-old Milton woman was also charged with assault with a weapon.

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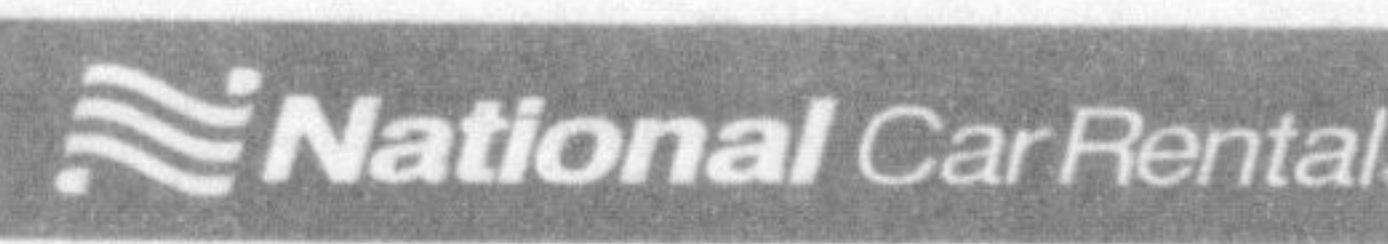


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