



## Coroner's Office

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TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
FROM: RICHARD L. KELLER  
RE: CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR JULY, 2009

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of July, 2009:

Return to Doctor Cases: <sup>(1)</sup>	276
<u>Coroner's Cases: <sup>(2), (3)</sup></u>	<u>39</u>
Total Death Investigations:	315

Total death investigations for July, 2009: 315

Total death investigations for July, 2008: 273

- (1) Return to 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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