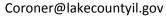


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April 12, 2013

TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

FROM: THOMAS A. RUDD

RE: <u>CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2013</u>

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of February, 2013:

Return to Doctor Cases: (1)	308
Coroner's Cases: (2), (3)	30
Total Death Investigations:	338

Total death investigations for February, 2013: 338

Total death investigations for February, 2012: 325

(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) <u>Inquiry Cases</u>:

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) <u>Inquest Cases</u>

Thorough investigation as to the cause of death, with subsequent Case Conference to 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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