



Coroner's Office

Richard L. Keller, M.D.
Lake County Coroner

26 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
Phone (847) 377-2200
Fax (847) 662-5972

<http://www.co.lake.il.us/coroner>

March 10, 2009

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

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

Return to Doctor Cases: ⁽¹⁾	279
<u>Coroner's Cases: ^{(2), (3)}</u>	<u>39</u>
Total Death Investigations:	318

Total death investigations for January, 2009: 318

Total death investigations for January, 2008: 334

- (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.

Richard L. Keller, M.D.
Coroner

RLK/kan