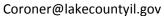


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May 11, 2015

TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

FROM: THOMAS A. RUDD

RE: <u>CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR MARCH, 2015</u>

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of March, 2015:

Return to Doctor Cases: (1)	362
Coroner's Cases: (2), (3)	34
Total Death Investigations:	396

Total death investigations for March, 2015: 396

Total death investigations for March, 2014: 383

(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) Inquest Cases

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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