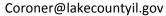


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May 25, 2016

TO: THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

FROM: THOMAS A. RUDD

RE: <u>CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2016</u>

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of January, 2016:

Return to Doctor Cases: (1)	363
Coroner's Cases: (2), (3)	32
Total Death Investigations:	395

Total death investigations for January, 2016: 395

Total death investigations for January, 2015: 450

(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 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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