

**INQUIRY UNDER THE FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN
DEATHS INQUIRY ACT INTO THE SUDDEN DEATH OF DUNCAN
ROWAN MacLARTY**

SHERIFFDOM OF GRAMPIAN, HIGHLAND and ISLANDS at DINGWALL

DETERMINATION

by

SHERIFF ALASDAIR LORNE MACFADYEN

Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands at Dingwall

in

Inquiry into the circumstances of the death of

DUNCAN ROWAN MacLARTY

Under the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976

B87/06

Appearance:-

For the Crown Mr R. Urquhart, Procurator Fiscal

Dingwall, 6 October 2006

Duncan Rowan MacLarty, born 28 July 1934, of 4 Balvaird, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire in the course of his self employment as a farmer at Crasky Farm, Duncanston, by Culbokie, Ross-shire died between 0830 and 1600 hours on 10 August 2005 when he fell through a perspex roof light in the roof of a barn there, struck the concrete floor approximately three meters below and was killed. The cause of death was a major head injury which he sustained when he fell.

Reasonable precautions, through which the accident and death might have been avoided were:

- The use of crawling boards by the deceased while working on the roof;
- The placing below the area being worked on of some form of arresting of any fall, such as hay bales or netting.