

SHERIFFDOM OF GRAMPIAN, HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS AT INVERNESS

DETERMINATION

By

Sheriff Alexander Pollock

In the matter of the death of

Douglas Stewart

In making this determination conform to my obligation in terms of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976, I should like to associate myself with the expression of sympathy already voiced by the Procurator Fiscal, Mr Aitken, on behalf of the Crown, towards the family of the deceased.

I should also like to express my gratitude to Mr Aitken for his careful and courteous discharge of his obligation in this inquiry. He has been of much assistance to the Court.

Likewise I am grateful to Mr Stewart for his role in the proceedings on behalf of the Scottish Prison Service.

Having heard the evidence and submissions thereon, I have the following determination to make.

In terms of Section 6(1)(a) of the said Act, I determine that Douglas Stewart, who was born on 13th October 1954, and who was then in legal custody on remand at H M Prison Porterfield, Duffy Drive, Inverness, died at the Coronary Care Unit, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness at 0800 hours on 28th December 2007.

In terms of Section 6(1)(b) of the said Act, I determine that the cause of his death was:

- 1(a) Haemopericardium; and
- 1(b) Dissecting Aortic Aneurysm.

I have no further determinations to make in respect of Section 6(1)(c), (d) or (e).