



MAGISTRATES COURT *of* TASMANIA  
CORONIAL DIVISION

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## Record of Investigation into Death (Without Inquest)

*Coroners Act 1995*

*Coroners Rules 2006*

*Rule 11*

I, Simon Cooper, Coroner, having investigated the death of Stephen Wayne Stokie

**Find, pursuant to Section 28(1) of the Coroners Act 1995, that**

- a) The identity of the deceased is Stephen Wayne Stokie;
- b) Mr Stokie died as a result of injuries sustained as rider of a mechanically deficient Harley-Davidson motorcycle in a motorcycle crash which occurred on the West Tamar Highway, near Exeter. The crash occurred as Mr Stokie, who was following a Fiat motor vehicle, attempted to overtake that vehicle, as it slowed and indicated to turn right. I am satisfied that the crash occurred as a result of inattention on the part of Mr Stokie. No other person caused or contributed to the happening of the crash. Road and weather conditions were not contributing factors. I am also satisfied that speed, alcohol, and drugs played no role in the happening of the crash.
- c) The cause of Mr Stokie's cause of death was traumatic closed head injuries; and
- d) Mr Stokie died on 1 April 2021, en route to the Launceston General Hospital, Launceston in Tasmania.

In making the above findings I have had regard to the evidence gained in the investigation into Mr Stokie's death. The evidence includes:

- Police Report of Death for the Coroner;
- Affidavits establishing identity and life extinct;
- An opinion of the pathologist who conducted the autopsy;
- The results of toxicological analysis of samples taken at autopsy;

- Affidavit of Mrs Wendy Stokie, sworn 1 July 2021;
- Affidavit of Ms Donna Terry, (an eye witness to the crash) sworn 6 April 2021;
- Tasmania Police Interview of Stephane Mukinayi (driver of Fiat) conducted on 21 April 2021;
- Affidavit of Transport Safety and Investigation Officer, Paul Maclaine, sworn 20 April 2021;
- Affidavit of Senior Constable Michael Rybka, Crash Investigation Services, Tasmania Police, sworn 25 July 2021;
- Affidavits of attending police officers;
- Results of blood test conducted after the crash on Stephane Mukinayi;
- Records – Ambulance Tasmania;
- Records – Telstra;
- Medical Records – Tasmania Health Service; and
- Forensic and photographic evidence.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The circumstances of Mr Stokie's death are not such as to require me to make any comments or recommendations pursuant to Section 28 of the *Coroners Act 1995*.

I convey my sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr Stokie

**Dated** 14 March 2022 at Hobart in the State of Tasmania.

**Simon Cooper**  
**Coroner**