



Man's death in police custody spurs inquest



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A coroner's inquest to determine how an 18-year-old Toronto resident died after being stopped by police for a minor traffic offence begins Monday.

Junior Alexander Manon was driving on Keele Street W. near York University in May of 2010 when police pulled him over. He fled when officers tried to arrest him for breaching a probation condition, which prohibited him from driving. Manon died after police tackled him to the ground and used their weight to subdue him.

A subsequent SIU investigation concluded there were no reasonable grounds to charge the officers involved in his arrest, but the inquest is mandatory because Manon died while in police custody. It will rule on the official cause of his death.

Witnesses at the time alleged that Manon had been beaten with walkie talkies and choked around the neck by one of the officers.

But an SIU investigation found that there was no medical evidence to support the choking allegation.