





Office of the  
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## Verdict of Coroner's Jury Verdict du jury du coroner

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario  
Loi sur les coroners – Province de l'Ontario

**Inquest into the death of:  
Enquête sur le décès de :**

Levi Schaeffer

### **JURY RECOMMENDATIONS RECOMMANDATIONS DU JURY**

1. The OPP and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services ("Ministry") should review on an ongoing basis communication systems in areas policed by the OPP. As part of this review, the OPP and the Ministry should document communication system concerns and assess available technology to address those concerns.
2. The OPP should ensure that all officers are aware that current Iridium phones are improved and are supposed to have better coverage. Furthermore, officers should be required to bring these phones to all areas where FleetNet communications are known to be problematic and report back any issues with usage.
3. On an ongoing basis the OPP should update officers on police powers of arrest.
4. OPP should create a policy that requires officers policing in areas of limited communication to have the following tools at their disposal:
  - (a) The best available communication devices be available to the detachment; and
  - (b) CEW if the officer is authorized to use it.
5. The OPP Marine policy should be amended to reflect the following:

If an officer chooses not to wear their full duty belt on a marine vessel, the officer is still required to bring their full duty belt onto the vessel. The duty belt should be safely stored on the vessel and upon leaving the vessel the officer will once again don his / her full duty belt.
6. The Ministry of Safety and Correctional Services ("Ministry") should consult with relevant professionals to assess the need for officers to receive further ongoing training on the recognition of and intervention with individuals who are emotionally disturbed / mentally ill.
7. The OPP should be required to provide marine equipment that meets the needs of a given detachment service area.

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