

Coroner's jury says Junior Manon's death was accidental

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Junior Manon, 18, died after being pulled over by police in Toronto on the evening of May 5, 2010.

A coroner's jury has found that a Toronto man who died after a police traffic stop near York University two years ago, died of positional asphyxiation by the way he was restrained by police.

The jury has also ruled that the death of 18-year-old Junior Manon was accidental, mirroring the prior finding of the Special Investigations Unit.

Manon was pulled over by police just after 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2010, on Steeles Avenue West, just east of Founders Road.

When one of the officers present attempted to arrest Manon for breaching his bail conditions, the Toronto man ran.

The two officers pursued Manon on foot and brought him down on the ground.

One witness told the inquest that the officers [beat Manon with a police radio](#), while another witness said she saw police slapping him in the face. Toronto police Const. Michael Adams told SIU investigators that he and his police partner [delivered and received punches from Manon](#).

The teenager soon stopped breathing and he was without vital signs when paramedics arrived at the scene.

Manon was later pronounced dead at a local hospital.

A pathologist later determined that Manon had died of "positional asphyxia" following struggle and exertion.

The Special Investigations Unit later [cleared those officers](#) and agreed with the pathologist's conclusion about Manon's death.