Jury rules veterinarian's death was suicide

An Illinois coroner's jury ruled last week that veternarian Dr. Janice Run-kle's death on an isolated Lake Michi-

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gan beach Aug. 1 was a suicide.

Her West Bloomfield parents, however, say they will continue to challenge that version of her death through federal courts.

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way," Shirley Runkle said of the corner's jury decision.

Ms. Runkle, 28, was a graduate of Morth Farmington High and Michigan State University. She was veternarian to Pleasant Colony, which won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, at the time of her death, apparently as a result of an overdose of barbituates.

"We're trying to establish through civil action the violation of her civil rights," Robert Runkle said Monday. "Hopefully, that will lead some law enforcement agency to follow through."

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THE RUNKLES believe homocide was involved. They further say that no one from the family identified the body, that they were denied access to the police when they insisted their legal counsel be included in the investigation of her death and that basic facts such

women neard testimony from four wit-nesses — the man who found the body, the Lake County Sheriff Department investigator, the coroner's toxicologist

THE INQUEST took less than two hours, according to Investigator Glen McIntyre, of the coroner's office. The panel deliberated a half hour before ar-

McIntyre, of the coroner's office. The panel deliberated a half hour before ar-riving at their verdict.
"Neither we nor our counsel were al-lowed to ask any questions," Runkle said. "About half that time was spent trying to get us or our legal representa-tives the floor."

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be two hours late, McIntyre said. His previous statements were related.

"POLICE CAN account for her whereabouts from the time she arrived in the state until her death," McIntyre

added.
Only first-hand witnesses testified to the facts in the case, he said.
Neither her parents nor their legal counsel had first-hand knowledge of the case, McIntyre said. Testimony from the pathologist hired by the Runkles' to

the pathologist hired by the Runkies to perform a second autopsy would have been allowed, he added, but they did not make that request. The jury's options included that the death was natural, a suicide, homicide, accidental or undetermined, McIntyre

reported.

Illinois police ruled out homicide within two weeks of her death.

Grant is debated

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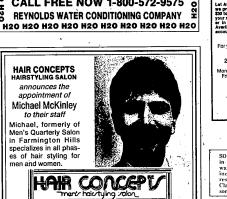
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