



THE BC EPILEPSY SOCIETY LAUNCHES DOCUMENTARY SECOND EPISODE “PRISONER OF PURGATORY: THE JARED RICKS STORY”

Vancouver, BC – PRISONER OF PURGATORY: The Jared Ricks Story is the second episode of the BC Epilepsy Society’s What If ... Documentary Series™, which comes one week after the successful launch of their first episode, FAILURE: The Black Mark on Canadian Health Care, which can be viewed [here](#).

The What If ... Documentary Series™ was born out of necessity to highlight the lack of action from the BC Provincial Government and includes the Society’s unsuccessful efforts to meet with government over a period of 26 months. Kim Davidson, the CEO & Executive Director of the BC Epilepsy Society and Founder of the international I AM A VOICE for Epilepsy Awareness™ campaign, is the Creator and Producer of the What If ... Documentary Series™. The adult epilepsy crisis in British Columbia is ongoing and patients continue to die while waiting years for the treatment and care they need.

The second episode showcases the tragic story of Jared Ricks, a young musician from Victoria, BC who passed away on December 29th, 2018 at the age of 23. His premature death was the result of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP).

At the time of his passing, Jared was on waitlists for epilepsy brain surgery for upwards of three years in four provinces, including his home province of British Columbia. He passed away two months before his surgery was set to take place. **What if he was able to get the surgery he desperately needed within a timely manner? We will never know.**

“Jared was a true sweetheart, beautiful both inside and out, who always put everyone else’s needs first,” stated Amanda Ricks, Jared’s mother. After the sudden passing of her son, Amanda has become an advocate for adults living with epilepsy in BC.

Please click [here](#) to watch PRISONER OF PURGATORY: The Jared Ricks Story, the second episode of the What If ... Documentary Series™

Additional episodes of the What If ... Documentary Series™ will be launched on the BC Epilepsy Society YouTube Channel and website every Tuesday in October leading up to the 2020 BC Provincial Election on October 24th.

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