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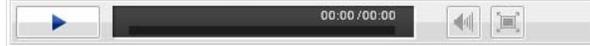


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Mexican officials are investigating after a Canadian man died in the resort town of Cancun.

Thirty-year-old Chris Morin of Okotoks, Alberta, just south of Calgary, died Wednesday night after falling from a fourth-floor balcony.

A Cancun newspaper reported that Morin fell after a night of drinking, but local authorities are investigating the possibility that he may have been pushed off the balcony after a bar dispute.

Joseph Clayton, a friend traveling with Morin, was quoted by a local paper as saying that he heard Morin arguing with someone just before he fell asleep.

A Mexican official told the Associated Press that forensic scientists found alcohol, cocaine, and marijuana in Morin's blood. He also said Morin may have jumped off the balcony.

CTV Calgary reported that Morin's family has asked for privacy. His brother-in-law, however, told a Calgary radio station that the family wants to make sure authorities get to the truth about what happened.

"Our biggest concern is to make sure the investigation goes properly down there," Kevin Brown told CHQR radio.

"So, if there's any foul play or if there was an accident, or what happened, we just want to make sure we find out."

Morin was a well known musician in Calgary's punk rock community. The carpenter-by-trade was the lead guitarist of the band "The Dabblers."

His friend Philly Roch says the band is making plans for a tribute concert for Morin. The proceeds will help his mother.

"The last that Chris's mom needs to worry about right now is money, so we are going to do whatever we can to lift the burden, you know, the funeral costs and such," said Roch.

Morin's death is just the latest in a string of high profile deaths of Canadians in Mexico.

A Woodbridge, Ont., couple was killed in a Cancun hotel in 2006. Earlier this year, an Ontario teen was the victim of a fatal hit-and-run in Acapulco. And six months ago, another Alberta man fell to his death from a balcony in Cancun.

With files from The Associated Press and CTV Calgary's Kevin Green

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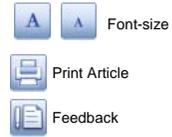
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