

Bucking Bronco Operators Cleared After Tragic Death

An inquest into the tragic death of Nailah Ishaq shortly after she had ridden a bucking bronco in a Gateshead bar, has concluded that she had died from natural causes.

It is believed she was born with hydrotropic cardiomyopathy - an abnormality of the heart.

The popular teacher was the last of a group to try the mechanical bull and was on the ride for approximately 30 seconds. Less than 20 minutes later she had collapsed and stopped breathing.

The young mum's fun turned to tragedy and, despite rescue efforts by an off-duty policeman in the pub and a member of staff to save her, she later died at Newcastle General Hospital.

A post-mortem revealed Nailah had only drunk a small amount of alcohol - 81mg in 100ml of breath - and had not taken any drugs or medication.

Gateshead Council launched a health and safety investigation after her death and found that the mechanical ride had been operated and functioning correctly and warning signs which should be displayed in the premises were put up.

Paul Anderson, the environmental health officer, said "I looked at training records and several risk assessments had been carried out, with the last one being only weeks before the incident."

Mr Anderson continued "Buffalo Joe's have been using the bull for approximately six years and more than 500 people rode it each week. In that time there had been no reported incidents or injuries relating to the machine."

Rodeo bull operators are relieved at the verdict as it shows that these machines are safe if operated and maintained correctly.

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