

Leading Aboriginal activist dies

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A PROMINENT Aboriginal activist David Daniel died during a fight with a relative in the Pilbara town of Roebourne yesterday.

Mr Daniel, 58, is believed to have had a heart attack about 2.10pm.

Efforts by emergency services officers to revive him were unsuccessful.

The relative was taken into custody by police investigating Mr Daniel's death after it was discovered that he had an outstanding warrant. He has not been charged.

An autopsy will be done today.

Mr Daniel, was the public face of the Ngarluma people and fought the State Government and big business over access to areas around Karratha, including the Burrup Peninsula.

He was recently involved in a deal that will see rare Burrup Aboriginal rock carvings, which had been in storage since the early 1980s, moved to a new bush home.

Shire of Roebourne president Kevin Richards said Mr Daniel was a great man who did his best for his people.

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