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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Dec. 3, 2007

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coroners Service

### **CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER TOM**

TOFINO – The inquest into the death of Christopher Tom has been rescheduled. Mr. Tom was detained by police and transported to the Tofino RCMP detachment where later he was discovered unresponsive in cells. He was transported to Tofino General Hospital where, despite medical treatment, he died on Aug. 5, 2007.

The inquest is rescheduled for Feb. 19-21, 2008. Presiding coroner Beth Larcombe and a five-person jury will publicly hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine the facts surrounding the death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

**Date: Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: Port Alberni Law Courts  
2999 – 4th Avenue  
Port Alberni, B.C.**

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An inquest is a formal court proceeding that allows for public presentation of all evidence relating to a death. The BC Coroners Service is an independent fact-finding agency that may not make any finding of legal responsibility.

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