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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS**

VICTORIA – An inquest into the death of John Ian Rice has been scheduled. Mr. Rice was in medical distress while in the custody of Victoria Police Department. Despite medical treatment, he died on July 12, 2009 at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The inquest is scheduled for March 22-25, 2011. Presiding Coroner Matthew Brown and a 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, March 22, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location:  
British Columbia Provincial Court  
1756 Island Highway  
Victoria

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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