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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

VANCOUVER – The BC Coroners Service has received a request from the city of Vancouver to bring forward the date of the Inquest into the deaths of Garland McKay, Dwayne Rasmussen and Stephen Yellowquill. The inquest was originally scheduled to begin Nov. 28, 2011.

All three men died in a residential fire on Pandora Street in Vancouver in December 2010.

Following established protocols, the request was put before presiding coroner Owen Court for consideration. The coroner granted the request and the Inquest will now begin Monday, Oct. 24, 2011.

The presiding coroner and a jury will hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine and make public the facts surrounding these deaths. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

Event Date: Oct. 24 –28, 2011

Location:  
Coroners Courtroom  
Metrotower II  
Suite 2035 – 4720 Kingsway  
Burnaby

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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