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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA – The BC Coroners Service has announced it will hold a public inquest into the death of George Alfred Jones.

The inquest will take place from May 7 through 11, 2012, at the Supreme Court building in Campbell River.

Mr. Jones, aged 40, died Jan. 19, 2009, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Comox. He had been transferred to hospital by RCMP the previous day after being found in medical distress shortly after having been taken into custody by officers.

Presiding coroner Matthew Brown and a jury will hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses to determine the facts surrounding this death. While the jury may not, by law, make any findings of legal responsibility, it will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death.

Event Date: May 7 - 11, 2012

Time: 9 a.m.

Location:
Supreme Court
500 – 13th Ave.
Campbell River

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