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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER – The BC Coroners Service has confirmed the dates of a public inquest into the death of Collan Michael Kohalyk.

The inquest will take place Oct. 9-12, 2012, at the courthouse in Cranbrook.

Mr. Kohalyk, aged 36, died on Jan. 3, 2011, in Kelowna General Hospital. He had been transferred to the intensive care unit in Kelowna after being found unresponsive in his cell in the Cranbrook police lockup 10 days earlier.

Presiding coroner Chico Newell 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: Oct. 9-12, 2012

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Cranbrook Court Services 102 – 11th Ave. South Cranbrook

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