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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

Ministry of Justice BC Coroners Service

## **BC Coroners Service announces inquest**

PRINCE GEORGE -- The BC Coroners Service has announced a public inquest will be held into the death of Bretton Robert Kent Lohouse.

The inquest will take place from Sept. 16 to 20, 2013, at the Fort St. John Court Services building in Fort St. John.

Mr. Lohouse, aged 46, died on Sept. 9, 2011, while in custody in the RCMP lockup in Fort St. John. The Coroners Act makes an inquest mandatory in almost all cases in which a person dies while in police custody.

Presiding coroner Donita Kuzma 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: Sept. 16 to 20, 2013

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Fort St. John Court Services Building 10600 – 100 St. Fort St. John

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