

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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## Inquest into death of Travis Rood

VICTORIA – The BC Coroners Service has announced that a public inquest will be held into the death of Travis Rood.

The inquest will take place beginning Jan. 8, 2018, at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor – 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

On March 29, 2015, Burnaby RCMP members responded to a report of a stabbing at a residence in the municipality. Rood, aged 35, sustained injuries following an encounter with the attending officers. He was transported to Royal Columbian Hospital, but died there within a few hours. A second male was discovered inside the house with multiple stab wounds. He did not survive his injuries. The BC Coroners Service, the Independent Investigations Office and the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team conducted concurrent investigations.

Presiding coroner Isis Van Loon and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding this death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances. A jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility or express any conclusion of law.

An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death. For more information on inquests, please visit: <u>http://ow.ly/8WRx30gbxTr</u>

The BC Coroners Service looks to gather the facts surrounding why a death took place and is not a fault-finding agency. It provides an independent service to the family, community, government agencies and other organizations.

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