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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER – The BC Coroners Service has announced it will hold a public inquest into the death of John Jason Erslavas.

The inquest will take place from Sept. 10-14, 2012, at the Coroners Court in Burnaby.

Mr. Erslavas, aged 35, died on Dec. 13, 2010, after ending up in the waters off Canada Place in downtown Vancouver as he was being approached by police officers.

Presiding coroner Lisa Graham 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. 10-14, 2012.

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Burnaby Coroners Court 2035 - 4720 Kingsway Burnaby

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