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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coroners Service

### **CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF SAVANNAH HALL**

PRINCE GEORGE – The Coroner's Inquest into the death of three-year-old Savannah Hall has been scheduled. Savannah was found unresponsive in her foster-care residence on Jan. 24, 2001. She was transported to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver where she later died on Jan. 26, 2001.

The inquest is scheduled for Oct. 22-26, and Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2007. Presiding Coroner Scott Fleming and a five-person jury will publicly hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine the facts surrounding the death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

**Date: Monday, Oct. 22, 2007**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: Law Courts  
250 George Street, Prince George**

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An inquest is a formal court proceeding that allows for public presentation of all evidence relating to a death. The BC Coroners Service is an independent fact-finding agency that may not make any finding of legal responsibility.

The BC Coroners Service is part of Emergency Management BC, an overarching body mandated to ensure co-ordinated emergency response in crisis and disaster situations. EMBC also leads prevention initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for all British Columbians through enhanced public safety.

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