
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Coroners Service

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF WAYNE ALLAN TURNER

VICTORIA – The inquest into the death of Wayne Allan Turner has been scheduled. Mr. Turner was incarcerated at the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre. In the early evening hours of Feb. 22, 2007, Mr. Turner was discovered unresponsive in his cell in the segregation unit. Emergency medical services attended but, despite medical treatment, he died.

The inquest is scheduled for Jan. 30-31, 2008. Presiding coroner Marj Paonessa 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: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: Western Communities Courthouse
Courtroom 4
1756 Island Hwy.
Victoria**

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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.

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