
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Coroners Service

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JAMES HECTOR BERTHOLET

SURREY – The inquest into the death of James Hector Bertholet has now been scheduled. On Aug. 30, 2006, Mr. Bertholet was detained by police and transported to the Surrey RCMP detachment. He was later discovered unresponsive in cells, where despite medical treatment he died.

The inquest is scheduled for May 13-15, 2008. Presiding coroner Marj Paonessa and a 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: Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: Coroners Courtroom
Metro Tower II
20th Floor, 4720 Kingsway
Burnaby**

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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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