
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

LOCATION CHANGED FOR QUALTIER INQUEST

PENTICTON – The venue for the inquest into the death of Steven Qualtier has changed due to Supreme Court schedule changes. The dates for this inquest remain unchanged, May 27-29, 2008.

On Aug. 4, 2007, Mr. Qualtier was detained by police officers following an incident in Keremeos and transported to the Penticton RCMP detachment where he was later found unresponsive in a cell. Emergency services transported Mr. Qualtier to Penticton Regional Hospital and then later to Kelowna General Hospital where, despite medical treatment, he died on Aug. 5, 2007.

Presiding coroner Tonia Grace 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 27, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**New Location: Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
273 Power Street
Penticton**

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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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