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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Nov. 17, 2008

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coroners Service

### **CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DUANE NELSON**

VANCOUVER – The inquest into the death of Duane Nelson has been scheduled. Mr. Nelson was found unresponsive in cells at the Port Hardy RCMP detachment on Sept. 18, 2007. Despite medical attention, he died on Sept. 20, 2007, at Victoria General Hospital.

The inquest is scheduled for Nov. 24-28, 2008. Presiding coroner Shane DeMeyer 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: Monday, Nov. 24, 2008**

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

**Location: Provincial Court  
9300 Trustee Road  
Port Hardy**

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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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