
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Coroners Service

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF LAURA EILEEN COWARD

BURNABY – The inquest into the death of Laura Eileen Coward has been scheduled. Coward died in police custody in cells at the Chilliwack RCMP detachment on Feb. 4, 2008.

The inquest is scheduled for Feb. 10-13, 2009. Presiding coroner Owen Court 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, Feb. 10, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: Coroners Courtroom
20th Floor, Metrotower 2
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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