
MEDIA ADVISORY

March 10, 2009

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF RYAN WAGEMANS

BURNABY – The inquest into the death of Ryan Wagemans has been scheduled. On June 27, 2008, Wagemans became unresponsive while in the custody of Surrey RCMP. Emergency medical services transported Wagemans to Surrey Memorial Hospital where, despite medical treatment, he died on July 1, 2008.

The inquest is scheduled for April 28-30, 2009. 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, April 28, 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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