
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO ABBOTSFORD FARM WORKERS DEATHS

BURNABY – The inquest into the deaths of Amarjit Kaur Bal, Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu and Sukhwinder Kaur Punia has been scheduled. The three died on March 7, 2007 following a motor vehicle incident on Highway 1 near Abbotsford.

The inquest is scheduled for Dec. 7-11 and 14-18, 2009. Presiding coroner Marj Paonessa and a jury will publicly hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine the facts surrounding the deaths. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

Date: Monday, Dec. 7, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Location: Coroners Courtroom
20th Floor, Metrotower2
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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