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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

BURNABY – The inquest into the death of Brandon Whitelaw has been scheduled. Mr. Whitelaw was in medical distress while in the custody of Surrey RCMP. Despite medical treatment, he died on July 31, 2008 at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

The inquest is scheduled for April 26-28, 2010. Presiding coroner Vincent Stancato 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, April 26, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location:

Coroners Courthouse
Metrotower II, 20th Floor
4720 Kingsway
Burnaby

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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