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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

MEDIA ADVISORY

ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

HAZELTON – The inquest into the death of Rodney Shayne Jackson, originally scheduled to begin Nov. 29, 2010, will be rescheduled.

Mr. Jackson was shot during an incident with RCMP near Hazelton. Despite medical treatment, he died Sept. 26, 2009, at Wrinch Memorial Hospital.

This inquest has been adjourned at the request of the family. New dates will be announced when confirmed.

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.

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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