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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

MEDIA ADVISORY

ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

BURNABY – An inquest into the death of Jason Diffner has been scheduled. Mr. Diffner went into medical distress while being taken into custody by the Surrey RCMP. Despite medical treatment, he died July 9, 2010 at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

The inquest is scheduled for June 27-30, 2011. Presiding Coroner Rodrick MacKenzie 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, June 27, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location:
Coroners Courtroom
Metrotower II
Suite 2035 – 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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