

May 3, 2011

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

MEDIA ADVISORY

FORT NELSON – An inquest into the death of 51 year old Mr. Jerry Louis Burke has been scheduled. Mr. Burke fell and struck his head while in the custody of the RCMP. Despite medical treatment, Mr. Burke died on July 13, 2010 in Edmonton, Alberta.

The inquest is scheduled for May 31 – June 3, 2011. Presiding Coroner Shane DeMeyer and a jury will hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses to determine and make public the facts surrounding this death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location:
B.C. Provincial Court
4604 Sunset Dr.
Fort Nelson

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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