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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

BURNABY – The BC Coroners Service will hold a public inquest into the deaths of Ut Tran, Han Pham, and Chi Wai (Jimmy) Chan.

Mr. Tran, aged 35, Mr. Pham, aged 47, and Mr. Chan, aged 55, were workers on a mushroom farm in Langley. They died on September 5, 2008, within moments of entering a pump house where toxic gases had accumulated.

Presiding coroner Norm Leibel and a jury will hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses to determine the facts surrounding this death. While the jury may not, by law, make any findings of legal responsibility, it will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death.

Date: Commencing Monday, May 7, 2012.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Burnaby Coroners Court, 2035-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby

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