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Inquest scheduled into death of Abdi Gani Mahamud Hirsi

VICTORIA – The BC Coroners Service has scheduled a public inquest into the death of Abdi Gani Mahamud Hirsi.

The inquest is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 5, 2018, at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th Floor - 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

Hirsi, aged 26 years, died following a police-involved shooting incident in Vancouver on April 9, 2015. As Hirsi died while in police custody, an inquest is mandatory under Section 18(2) of the Coroners Act.

Presiding coroner Michael Egilson and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding Hirsi's death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances. A jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility or express any conclusion of law.

An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death. For more information on inquests, please visit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/investigations-inquests>.

The BC Coroners Service looks to gather the facts surrounding why a death took place and is not a fault-finding agency. It provides an independent service to the family, community, government agencies and other organizations.

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