
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Inquest into death of William Ryan Fisher

VICTORIA – The BC Coroners Service has scheduled a public inquest into the death of William Ryan Fisher, beginning July 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor – 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

Fisher, 30, died in February of 2016 at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, after being transferred from the North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Maple Ridge.

Fisher was admitted to a custodial sentence at North Fraser Pretrial Centre on Feb. 19, 2016. In the early hours of Feb. 21, he was found in medical distress and subsequently taken by Emergency Health Services to Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, where he died on Feb. 25.

This inquest has been called to review the circumstances of Fisher's death and to explore whether there are opportunities for a jury to make recommendations that may prevent deaths in similar circumstances. An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death. For more information on inquests, please visit:

<http://ow.ly/8WRx30gbxTr>.

Presiding coroner Larry Marzinzik and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath, to determine the facts surrounding this death. A jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility, or express any conclusion of law.

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

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