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BC Coroners Service calls inquest into police-involved shootings

BURNABY – The BC Coroners Service has announced an inquest into the deaths of two people who died in Burnaby in September 2015.

The inquest into the deaths of Matthew Charles Miles, aged 47, and Kenneth Robert Hanna, aged 48, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 28, 2019, at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor - 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

The deaths were reported to the BC Coroners Service on Sept. 18, 2015, by RCMP officers who had responded to a call about an armed man at a Burnaby residence.

Under Section 18(2) of the Coroners Act, inquests are mandatory for any deaths that occur while a person was detained by or in the custody of a peace officer.

Presiding coroner Michael Egilson and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding this death. The jury will determine the identity of the deceased and how, where, when and by what means death occurred. 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, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/inquest-schedule-jury-findings-verdicts>

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 and other organizations.

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