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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
BC Coroners Service

### **Inquest rescheduled into death of Corey John Scherbey**

BURNABY – The BC Coroners Service has rescheduled a public inquest into the death of Corey John Scherbey, beginning on Nov. 2, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor, 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

The inquest, originally scheduled for April 14, 2020, was postponed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The death of Scherbey, 38, was reported to the BC Coroners Service on Aug. 22, 2011, after he was discovered deceased at his residence in Chilliwack that afternoon.

Earlier this year, under Section 19(1)(a) of the Coroners Act, the minister of public safety and solicitor general directed that it is necessary to hold an inquest.

Margaret Janzen, presiding coroner, and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding this death. The jury will have an 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. The jury will certify the identity of the deceased and how, where, when and by what means death occurred.

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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, in compliance with physical and social distancing requirements set out by the provincial health officer, the BC Coroners Service was required to postpone several inquests. The BC Coroners Service is in the process of rescheduling those inquests and will announce confirmed dates, times and locations once those confirmed details are known.

Livestreaming provides a way for the public and media to virtually attend an inquest when COVID-19 measures prevent physical attendance. The same rules apply as for in-person attendance at an inquest.

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