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Coroner's inquest into Tatyanna Harrison's death begins July 2, 2026

VICTORIA – A coroner's inquest into the death of Tatyanna Harrison will begin at 9:30 a.m. (Pacific time) on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor, 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

Richmond RCMP reported the death of an individual to the BC Coroners Service on May 2, 2022. The individual was later identified as Tatyanna Harrison, aged 20.

On May 6, 2025, the chief coroner announced a decision to direct an inquest into Tatyanna Harrison's death under Section 18 of the Coroners Act. Under this section of the act, the chief coroner can direct an inquest if there is reason to believe the public has an interest in being informed about the circumstances surrounding a death, or the death resulted from a dangerous practice or circumstance, and similar deaths could be prevented through recommendations.

A coroner's inquest is a non-fault-finding public inquiry that serves three primary functions:

- to determine the facts related to a death, including the identity of the deceased and how, when, where and by what means the individual came to their death, as well as a classification for the death
- to make recommendations, where appropriate and supported by evidence, to prevent deaths in similar circumstances
- to ensure public confidence that the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual will not be overlooked, concealed or ignored

Presiding coroner Larry Marzinzik and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts surrounding this death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations, as outlined above, though a jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility or express any conclusion of law.

The livestream for this inquest will be available on the BC Coroners Service's website every hearing day, starting on July 2, 2026.

Anyone attending the inquest, including media, is prohibited from broadcasting and publishing inquest proceedings, including over social media. Supreme Court-accredited media are permitted to record the proceeding solely for the accuracy of their notes; the recording is not to be broadcast in any form. Accredited media members must provide proof to the sheriff and always visibly display their accreditation when they are recording or using electronic devices in court. Recording for any other purpose, or by anyone without appropriate accreditation, is strictly prohibited.

Learn More:

- The chief coroner's statement on the death of Tatyanna Harrison is available here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025PSSG0013-000420>
- For more information on inquests, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/inquest-schedule-jury-findings-verdicts>
- BC Coroners Service: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/coroners/>

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