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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General  
B.C. Coroners Service

### **CORONERS SERVICE INVESTIGATING FARM WORKERS DEATHS**

ABBOTSFORD – The Coroners Service will hold a public inquest into the deaths of Amarjit Kaur Bal, Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu, and Sukhwinder Kaur Punia. The three died on March 7, 2007 following a motor vehicle incident on Highway 1 near Abbotsford.

Chief Coroner Terry Smith and a five-person jury will publicly hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine the facts surrounding the incident that resulted in the deaths. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

This inquest will be held in Abbotsford in 2007; the schedule and location will be determined in the coming months.

An inquest is a formal court proceeding that allows for public presentation of all evidence relating to a death. The BC Coroners Service is an independent fact-finding agency that may not make any finding of legal responsibility.

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