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## MEDIA ADVISORY

May 28, 2009

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Coroners Service

### **CORONER'S INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF DEBRA MARIE COON**

BURNABY – The inquest into the death of Debra Marie Coon has been scheduled. On March 14, 2008, Ms. Coon was in medical distress while in the custody of Port Hardy RCMP. Emergency medical services transported her to the Port Hardy Hospital. Later that day, she was transported to Victoria General Hospital, where, despite medical treatment, she died.

The inquest is scheduled for June 29 – July 3, 2009. Presiding coroner Jeff Dolan and a jury will publicly hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses in order to determine the facts surrounding the death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

**Date: Monday, June 29, 2009**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: Port Hardy Law Courts  
9300 Trustee Road  
Port Hardy**

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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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