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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER – The BC Coroners Service has announced it will hold a public inquest into the death of Duncan Leslie Roy Smears.

The inquest will take place from Sept. 24 through 28, 2012, at the Coroners Court in Burnaby.

Mr. Smears, aged 23, died on July 16, 2011. At the time, the Vancouver Police were devising a plan to take him into custody as he appeared to be suffering some type of psychotic episode.

Presiding coroner Rodrick MacKenzie and a jury will hear evidence from subpoenaed witnesses to determine the facts surrounding this death. While the jury may not, by law, make any findings of legal responsibility, it will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths under similar circumstances in the future.

An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death.

Event Date: Sept. 24-28, 2012

Time: 9 a.m.

Location:
Burnaby Coroners Court
2035 - 4720 Kingsway
Burnaby

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