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January 31, 2014

The Honourable Suzanne Anton
Ministry of Justice
PO Box 9044 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Anton,

The BC Schizophrenia Society is currently in the process of reviewing recommendations relating to mental illness made by the BC Coroners Service. As an organization dedicated to supporting families coping with mental illness and its devastating effects, the BC Schizophrenia Society has a keen interest in recommendations that can improve responses to mental illness within the health and justice systems.

I am writing to inquire how the Ministry of Justice has responded to the recommendation noted below:

Inquest held at the Coroners Court in Burnaby, BC February 6th to 8th, 2012 into the death of Laurent Pierre Parrouly (File No. 2010:0274:0167)

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/coroners/schedule/archive/2012/docs/verdict-parrouly-2012-02-08.pdf>

Recommendation:

Provide a liaison between the court and the guardian of a low functioning individual to advise about future court dates and any legal obligations.

Coroner's Comments: The evidence revealed that Mr. Parrouly needed assistance dealing with the justice system. Involvement of guardians would assist. If those caring for Mr. Parrouly were aware of his court date his incarceration may have been avoided.

I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to receiving a response by February 28, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dave Halikowski
BC Schizophrenia Society Chair