



April 3, 2009

Chief Jim Chu  
Vancouver Police Department  
Vancouver, BC

VIA FAX: 604-665-3417

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**RE: Paul Boyd police-involved death**

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4. Whether there were any disciplinary consequences for involved officers or policy changes as a result of the VPD investigation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. We would appreciate as much information on this file as you can release to us to ensure that our public statements on this matter are complete and accurate.

Yours truly,

David Eby  
*Acting Executive Director*

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Office of the Chief Coroner  
Vancouver, BC

VIA FAX: 604-660-7766

Dear Madam:

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JIM CHU  
Chief Constable

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April 7th, 2009

Mr. David Eby, Executive Director  
B.C. Civil Liberties Association  
#550-1188 West Georgia Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
V6E 4A2

Dear Mr. Eby:

**Re: Paul Boyd Police-Involved Death**

In response to your questions, what I can tell you is that the file currently remains open. It was forwarded to Crown Counsel for review in July 2008, but we have not been advised on when that review will be completed, or whether any charges will be approved. There have been no decisions made on any potential Police Act matters pending the resolution of the Crown review of the investigation. Once the Police Act review has been completed, the file will be sent to the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner.

Sincerely,



Jim Chu  
Chief Constable

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## Emergency ManagementBC

**Jeff Dolan**  
Director, Regional Operations  
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April 7, 2009

Mr. David Eby  
Acting Executive Director  
BC Civil Liberties Association  
Suite 550-1188 W Georgia St.  
Vancouver, BC V6E 4A2

via fax no. 604 687 3045

Dear Mr. Eby:

RE: Paul Boyd, deceased  
BC Coroners Service file no. 2007-270-0809

I am writing in response to your April 3, 2009 letter requesting information regarding the coroner investigation into the death of Paul Boyd.

This death was the result of an incident involving members of the Vancouver Police Department and is set for review at the Office of the Chief Coroner by a committee consisting of the Chief Medical Advisor, the Director of Regional Operations and the Chief Legal Counsel. The committee will review the death of Mr. Boyd and provide advice respecting the authority of the Chief Coroner to direct that an inquest be held.

The coroner investigation is ongoing and none of the information collected will be disclosed to the public until the investigation is complete or a public inquest is held.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", written over the word "Sincerely,".

**Jeff Dolan**  
Director, Regional Operations

pc: Owen Court, Regional Coroner, Metro Vancouver  
Rodrick MacKenzie, Chief Counsel



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# FAX SHEET

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Dear Mr. Eby:

Please find following a response from Mr. Jeff Dolan, Director of Regional Operations, BCCS to your fax dated April 3, 2009.

Kind regards,

*C. McClean*