



**Yukon
Coroner's
Service**

News Release

Chief Coroner calls Inquest into the death of Kimberly Nicole Anne JOHNNIE

April 11, 2026 – A Coroner's Inquest into the death of Kimberly Nicole Anne JOHNNIE will begin on August 3, 2026, in Courtroom #1 in the Andrew Philipsen Law Center (2134 2nd Ave., Whitehorse, Yukon).

The death of JOHNNIE was reported to Yukon Coroner's Service on January 2, 2023, and occurred at a private residence in Whitehorse.

Under Section 40(1) of the Coroner's Act, the Chief Coroner may direct that an inquest be held when the public has an interest in being informed of the circumstances surrounding the death and when an inquest would bring dangerous practices to the knowledge of the public and facilitate the making of recommendations to avoid preventable deaths.

Presiding Coroner Christina BROBBY and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding this death. The jury will have the opportunity to make recommendations aimed at preventing deaths in similar circumstances.

A Coroner's Inquest is a public inquiry that serves three primary functions:

1. to determine the facts related to a death, including the identity of the deceased and how, when, where and by what means the individual came to their death, as well as a classification for the death;
2. to make recommendations, where appropriate and supported by evidence, to prevent deaths in similar circumstances; and
3. to ensure public confidence that the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual will not be overlooked, concealed or ignored.

For more information about inquests, visit the [Coroner Inquest page](#).

As an inquest has been called, the Yukon Coroner Service will not be providing further comment at this time.

Chief Coroner Heather Jones