



**Yukon  
Coroner's  
Service**

**News Release**

## **Chief Coroner calls Inquest into the death of Manui Karl ROUX**

**April 11, 2026** – A coroner's Inquest into the death of Manui Karl ROUX will begin on July 27, 2026, in Courtroom #1 in the Andrew Philipsen Law Center (2134 2nd Ave., Whitehorse, Yukon)

The death of ROUX was reported to Yukon Coroner's Service on December 23, 2024. The preliminary investigation found that the death occurred during a period of incarceration.

Under Section 41(a) of the Coroner's Act, an Inquest must be held into the death of a person who died while detained or in the custody of a correctional center.

Presiding Coroner Matthew BROWN 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**