



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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SENTENCE APPEAL LAUNCHED

Victoria – The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced it has launched an appeal in relation to the sentence imposed in the case of R. v. Tuan Minh Nguyen.

On August 17, 2007, Mr. Nguyen was convicted in BC Provincial Court of the October 28, 2006 aggravated assault of Michael Levy. Mr. Nguyen was also convicted of possessing a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

Mr. Nguyen was sentenced on December 10, 2007 to 20 months jail to be served in the community on a conditional sentence order, as well as 2 years probation on both convictions to be served concurrently.

On January 7, 2008, the Attorney General provided written directions to the Criminal Justice Branch, pursuant to the *Crown Counsel Act*, to initiate the appeal. In compliance with the Act, the directions will be published in the next edition of the British Columbia Gazette.

The Notice of Appeal was filed on January 8, 2008, in the Vancouver Registry of the BC Court of Appeal. A tentative date of February 14, 2008, has been assigned for the hearing of the appeal subject to the availability of legal counsel for Mr. Nguyen.

As the matter is before the court, it would not be appropriate to comment any further.

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