



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

March 4, 2010

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Criminal Justice Branch Announces Decision of Special Prosecutor

Victoria – A review conducted by independent Special Prosecutor John Waddell, Q.C. has resulted in the laying of criminal charges against Ronald Danderfer, Dr. Jonathan Burns and James Roy Taylor.

Mr. Waddell, a senior Victoria lawyer, was appointed on April 18, 2008 by Robert W.G. Gillen, Q.C., the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Province of British Columbia, following a request from the RCMP for a Special Prosecutor, and in light of Mr. Danderfer's senior position in the B.C. Public Service at the time of the alleged offences.

Mr. Gillen received Mr. Waddell's charge assessment report on February 4, 2010 and has accepted his charging recommendations. As a result an Information containing a total of 16 counts was sworn and filed in Provincial Court in Victoria on March 4, 2010. A copy of this information is attached to this statement. It is anticipated that the first scheduled court appearance in the matter will occur on April 7, 2010 in Victoria.

One set of charges arises out of alleged circumstances surrounding Dr. Burns' dealings with Ronald Danderfer, then an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ministry of Health, and Dr. Burns' role as a consultant to the Ministry of Health between October 2004 and July 2007. Other charges stem from allegations relating to Dr. Burns' dealings with James Roy Taylor, then manager of Network Services with the Fraser Health Authority, between August 2003 and July 2007.

Mr. Waddell will now take conduct of the prosecution of these charges, in keeping with the original mandate which he was granted. Decisions with respect to the timing of the swearing of charges and the release of this Media Statement were made by the Special Prosecutor taking into account the schedules of the lead investigator and counsel for the accused. The Special Prosecutor has approved the release of this Statement.

As the matter is now before the court it is not appropriate to release additional information about the alleged circumstances or comment further at this time.

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This is the information of / Les présentes constituent la dénonciation de Sergeant J. Taylor 39750, a Peace Officer (the "informant" / le "dénonciateur") of / de Surrey, British Columbia.

The informant says that the informant has reasonable and probable grounds to believe and does believe that / Le dénonciateur déclare qu'il a des motifs raisonnables et probables et croit effectivement que

Count 1

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, gave, offered or agreed to give or offer to Ronald John Danderfer, an official, to wit an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health Services of the Government of British Columbia, a reward, advantage or benefit being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income to the spouse of Ronald John Danderfer and post-retirement income to Ronald John Danderfer as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with matters of business relating to the government including the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc., WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(a)(i) of the Criminal Code.

Count 2

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, a person having dealings with the Ministry of Health Services of the government of British Columbia did, without the consent in writing of the head of the branch of that government, pay a commission or reward to or conferred an advantage or benefit being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income to Ronald John Danderfer's spouse, and offer of post-retirement income, to Ronald John Danderfer, an official of the Government of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

Count 3

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, gave, offered or agreed to give or offer to Ronald John Danderfer, an official, to wit an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health of the Government of British Columbia, a reward, advantage or benefit, being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income to the spouse of Ronald John Danderfer, and offer of post-retirement income as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc., WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(e) of the Criminal Code.



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Count 4

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, did commit the offence of breach of trust in connection with the duties of the office of an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit, Ronald John Danderfer, Assistant Deputy Ministry of the Ministry of Health Services of the Government of British Columbia, in relation to the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc, WebMed Technology Inc., and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia by offering accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income to Ronald John Danderfer's spouse and post-retirement income to Ronald John Danderfer, contrary to Section 122 of the Criminal Code.

Count 5

Ronald John DANDERFER, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official, to wit an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health Services of the Government of British Columbia, directly or indirectly demanded, accepted or offered or agreed to accept for himself rewards, advantages or benefits, being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income for his spouse, and post-retirement income in connection with matters of government business relating to the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc., WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(a)(ii) of the Criminal Code.

Count 6

Ronald John DANDERFER, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health Services, did, for his benefit and without the consent in writing of the head of the branch of that government of which he is an official, agree to accept rewards, advantages and benefits being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income for his spouse and post-retirement income from a person who is dealing with the Government of British Columbia, contrary to section 121(1)(c) of the Criminal Code.

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Count 7

Ronald John DANDERFER, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, having or pretending to have influence with the Government of British Columbia or an agency of the Government of British Columbia, demanded, accepted or agreed to accept for himself, rewards, advantages and benefits being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income for his spouse and post-retirement income as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with matters of government business including the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc., WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to section 121(1)(d) of the Criminal Code.

Count 8

Ronald John DANDERFER, on or between the 1st day of October, 2004 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health Services, did commit fraud or a breach of trust in connection with the duties of his office by receiving benefits or the offer of benefits including accommodation at a Kelowna condominium, employment income for his spouse and post-retirement income in connection with the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc., WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 122 of the Criminal Code.

Count 9

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, gave, offered or agreed to give or offer to James Roy Taylor, an official, to wit Manager of Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of the Government of British Columbia, a reward, advantage or benefit being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income to the spouse of James Roy Taylor as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with matters of business relating to the government including the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, WebMed Technology Inc. and Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(a)(i) of the Criminal Code.

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Count 10

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, a person having dealings with the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of the government of British Columbia did, without the consent in writing of the head of the branch of that government, pay a commission or reward to or conferred an advantage or benefit being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income to James Roy Taylor's spouse to James Roy Taylor, an official, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of the Government of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

Count 11

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, gave, offered or agreed to give or offer to James Roy Taylor, an official, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of the Government of British Columbia, a reward, advantage or benefit, being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income to the spouse of James Roy Taylor as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, WebMed Technology Inc. and the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(e) of the Criminal Code.

Count 12

Jonathan Alan BURNS, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, did commit the offence of breach of trust in connection with the duties of the office of an official of the Government of British Columbia, James Roy Taylor, an official, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of the Government of British Columbia, in relation to the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, JA Burns MD Inc, WebMed Technology Inc., and the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia by offering accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income to James Roy Taylor's spouse to James Roy Taylor, contrary to Section 122 of the Criminal Code.

Count 13

James Roy TAYLOR, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, directly or indirectly demanded, accepted or offered or agreed to accept for himself rewards, advantages or benefits, being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income for his spouse, in connection with matters of government business relating to the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, WebMed Technology Inc. and the Fraser Health Authority, being an agent of Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(a)(ii) of the Criminal Code.

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Count 14

James Roy TAYLOR, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, did, for his benefit and without the consent in writing of the head of the branch of that government of which he is an official, agree to accept rewards, advantages and benefits being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income for his spouse from a person who is dealing with the Government of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(c) of the Criminal Code.

Count 15

James Roy TAYLOR, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, having or pretending to have influence with the Government of British Columbia or an agency of the Government of British Columbia, demanded, accepted or agreed to accept for himself, rewards, advantages and benefits being accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income for his spouse as consideration for cooperation, assistance, exercise of influence or an act or omission in connection with matters of government business including the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, WebMed Technology Inc. and the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 121(1)(d) of the Criminal Code.

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Count 16

James Roy TAYLOR, on or between the 1st day of August, 2003 and the 31st day of July, 2007, inclusive, at or near Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Victoria, Kelowna and elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia, being an official of the Government of British Columbia, to wit Manager, Network Services of the Fraser Health Authority, did commit fraud or a breach of trust in connection with the duties of his office by receiving benefits or the offer of benefits including accommodation at a Kelowna condominium and employment income for his spouse in connection with the administration of contracts between Jonathan Alan Burns, WebMed Technology Inc. and the Fraser Health Authority, an agent of Her Majesty in Right of the Province of British Columbia, contrary to Section 122 of the Criminal Code.

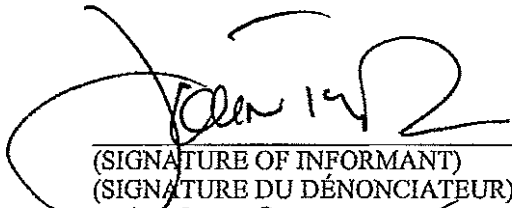
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