



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### **Criminal Justice Branch Announces Appointment of Special Prosecutor**

**Victoria** - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced that Terrence L. Robertson, Q.C. has been appointed as an independent Special Prosecutor in connection with a police investigation into possible offences involving the campaign office of Solicitor General Kash Heed.

Mr. Robertson, a senior Vancouver lawyer, was appointed on January 12, 2010 by Assistant Deputy Attorney General Robert W.G. Gillen, Q.C. after the Royal Canadian Mounted Police requested the appointment of a Special Prosecutor.

Mr. Robertson's mandate included:

- Discussing with police investigators assigned to the case any matters on which they required prosecutorial advice, and providing such advice as was necessary in the event that further investigation was required;
- Conducting an independent charge assessment based on any Report to Crown Counsel that was forwarded to him concerning the matter and making the charging decision he deemed appropriate in the independent exercise of his prosecutorial discretion;
- Providing a written report to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General with the reasons for any charging decision;
- If in his view a prosecution is warranted, conducting that prosecution and any subsequent appeal.

The police investigation is ongoing and no Report to Crown Counsel has yet been forwarded to Mr. Robertson.

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The Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch appoints Special Prosecutors pursuant to the Crown Counsel Act when there is a significant potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice.

The decisions of Special Prosecutors are final, subject only to receiving written directions from the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General or Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch. In such an event, those directions must be made public by publishing them in the Gazette.

As this matter is currently being dealt with by the Special Prosecutor it would not be appropriate for the Criminal Justice Branch to comment any further or release additional details at this time.

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