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Stanley Cup Riot Charge Update

Victoria – As the two-year anniversary of the Stanley Cup Riot is approaching, the Criminal Justice Branch (the Branch), Ministry of Justice considers it in the public interest to provide an update on the status of the related prosecution files.

Between May 1st, 2013 and June 5th, 2013, criminal charges were approved and sworn against an additional 14 adults and two youths in connection with the Stanley Cup Riot.

The Branch is no longer maintaining personal information in relation to the individual accused on this website.

Public information on files involving adult accused is accessible through Court Services Online or the Vancouver Court Registry.

The *Youth Criminal Justice Act* prohibits publication of the names of young persons who are charged with criminal offences, or any information that could reasonably lead to their identification.

To date, comprehensive investigative reports on a total of 325 persons have been forwarded by police to the Branch for charge assessment and prosecution arising out of the Riot. The first group of reports naming 60 persons was submitted to the Branch on October 31, 2011. The last group of reports, naming 10 persons, was received by the Branch on April 19, 2013.

Thus far, criminal charges have been approved against a total of 229 persons. There are 40 persons against whom the Branch has concluded that no charges will be approved. The charge assessment process continues in relation to the remaining of the 325 named suspects.

The Branch applies a two-part test to determine whether criminal charges can be approved and a prosecution initiated:

1. there must be a substantial likelihood of conviction based on the evidence gathered by the investigating agency; and
2. a prosecution must be required in the public interest.

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A total of 149 of those charged with criminal offences so far have entered guilty pleas and of those persons, 102 have been sentenced. To date one individual has gone to trial and a conviction resulted in that case. There are nine other trials involving 15 persons that are currently scheduled. One person has had a preliminary inquiry and will be fixing a date later in June for trial in British Columbia Supreme Court.

All of the adults who have been convicted of offences arising out of the Stanley Cup Riot, except one, have received sentences of imprisonment to be served either in the community or an institution. The sentences of imprisonment have been in the range of 30 days to 20 months, depending on the circumstances of the offences for which the persons have been convicted and their individual history.

The sentences imposed in two cases were appealed by the Crown. The British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld the sentences, but affirmed the general principle that imprisonment is an appropriate sentence for riot offences.

The Court of Appeal rulings in the two cases are available at:

R. v. Peepre:

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/13/01/2013BCCA0115cor1.htm>

R. v. Kennedy-Williams:

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/13/01/2013BCCA0116.htm>

The Criminal Justice Branch Riot Prosecution team is continuing with the charge assessment and prosecution of the remaining Riot files.

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