



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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Stanley Cup Riot Charge Update

Victoria – The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Justice, British Columbia's prosecution service, confirms that charges have been approved and sworn against an additional 19 accused persons in connection with the Stanley Cup Riot on June 15, 2011; 17 adults and two young persons.

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.

The Integrated Riot Investigation Team submitted investigative reports relating to a total of 352 individuals to the Branch for charge assessment, beginning with a group of 60 suspects received October 31, 2011. The most recent group of files, relating to a total of 10 suspects, was received by the Branch on July 19, 2013.

The Prosecution Service has now approved charges against a total of 277 individuals. There are 61 suspects against whom the Branch concluded that no charges would be approved. The charge assessment process is continuing in relation to the remaining suspects.

The Branch applies a two-part test to determine whether criminal charges should 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.

To date 141 accused have been sentenced for riot related charges. A total of 202 of those charged have entered guilty pleas. In the only trial which has been completed up to this time,

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the accused was found guilty. There are seven trials involving 11 accused currently scheduled on riot related charges.

The prosecution of these cases is being handled by members of the Criminal Justice Branch Riot Prosecution Team, which was established shortly after the riot occurred in order to provide an effective and co-ordinated approach to the processing of riot related cases.

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