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Stanley Cup Riot Charge Update

Victoria – As the three-year anniversary of the June 15, 2011 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.

Since the last update on February 20, 2014, criminal charges were approved and sworn against an additional five adults 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.

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.

To date, comprehensive investigative reports on a total of 364 persons have been forwarded by police to the Branch for charge assessment and prosecution arising out of the Riot beginning with a group of 60 suspects received October 31, 2011. The charge assessment process in relation to all of these suspects has been completed, with the exception of two files that were recently submitted to the Branch.

Thus far, 880 criminal charges have been approved against a total of 298 persons and the prosecution of those persons has been commenced in adult court or youth court depending on the age of the person on the day of the Riot. If a person was between the ages of 12 and 17 on

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the day of the Riot that person is a young person as defined in the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. There are 64 persons against whom the Branch has concluded that no charges will be approved.

A total of 259 of those charged with criminal offences have entered guilty pleas. This includes all young persons who were charged. To date, five accused have had their charges resolved by trial: one person was acquitted while the remaining four accused were convicted of all charges. Of the 263 accused who have been convicted or pled guilty, 226 have been sentenced.

There is one trial currently scheduled for continuation in B.C. Supreme Court on July 16, 2014.

The prosecution of these cases continues to be 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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