



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### **R. v. Gretes (Court File 168673-1)**

Victoria – On March 11, 2016, the Criminal Justice Branch (CJB), Ministry of Justice, announced that Special Prosecutor Mark Jetté had approved two charges against George Steven Gretes under the province’s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA).

Mr. Gretes is a former Ministerial Assistant in the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. He is charged with two counts of willfully making false statements to mislead, or attempt to mislead, the Information and Privacy Commissioner (or another person), in performance of the duties, powers and functions of the Commissioner.

These charges follow an investigation by the RCMP that arose after the Privacy Commissioner’s release of her report: “Access Denied: Record Retention and Disposal Practices of the Government of British Columbia” (October 2015).

The prosecution of Mr. Gretes was scheduled for an appearance in Provincial Court in Victoria on July 13, 2016. The Special Prosecutor has advised that the appearance has been adjourned by consent to the afternoon of July 14, 2016. Members of the media with an interest in the prosecution may wish to attend court for 2:00 p.m. (Victoria Provincial Court file number 168673-1).

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