



Policy:

Police Witnesses – Adverse Judicial Findings

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Cross-references:

This policy applies to adverse judicial findings against a law enforcement officer as a witness in a BC Prosecution Service prosecution.

In this policy, “law enforcement officers” are government employees responsible for law enforcement and include:

- police officers
- corrections or probation officers
- conservation officers
- sheriffs
- border officers
- military police officers
- fisheries officers
- bylaw enforcement officers
- other peace officers

Crown Counsel should notify the Regional Crown Counsel, Director, or their respective deputy if a judge makes an adverse finding about the reliability of the evidence given by, or the credibility of, a law enforcement officer. The Regional Crown Counsel, Director, or their respective deputy should provide written notification of such finding to the senior officer in charge (or equivalent) of the officer’s agency. The notification should include the file details and a memorandum briefly outlining the matter, sufficient to facilitate ordering transcripts or other action by the officer in charge.