



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### SPECIAL PROSECUTOR APPROVES CHARGE

**Victoria** – The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced that an independent Special Prosecutor has approved a charge of impaired driving against an individual currently employed as a Crown Prosecutor with the Branch.

The Information charging Michael Mahoney with one count of impaired driving was filed in Surrey Provincial Court on January 17, 2007.

The charging decision was made by independent Special Prosecutor, Robert Bruneau. Mr. Bruneau, a senior Kamloops lawyer, was appointed on November 14, 2006 by Robert W.G. Gillen Q.C., the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch.

The matter is currently scheduled for Surrey Provincial Court on November 5, 2007.

The Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch appoints Special Prosecutors pursuant to the Crown Counsel Act when there is a significant potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice.

The decisions of Special Prosecutors are final subject only to receiving written directions from the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General or Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Branch. In such an event, those directions must be made public by publishing them in the Gazette.

As this matter is before the court, there will not be any further comment at this time.

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