



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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No Charges Approved Against Constable Ryan Sheremetta

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced that no charges will be laid against Constable Ryan Sheremetta in connection with his testimony at the inquest into the death of Kevin St. Arnaud. The Branch has also confirmed its earlier decision that no charges will be laid against Constable Sheremetta in connection with the shooting death of Mr. St. Arnaud on December 19, 2004.

The Branch provided a "Clear Statement" of its decision, which is [attached](#). It states, in part:

Senior prosecutors with the Criminal Justice Branch have concluded that the available evidence does not support a substantial likelihood of conviction on a charge of perjury.

It further states, in relation to a review of the evidence surrounding the death of Mr. St. Arnaud:

There is no evidentiary basis for changing the original decision of the Criminal Justice Branch that there is not a substantial likelihood of obtaining a conviction against Constable Sheremetta for any criminal offence related to the shooting.

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