



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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Special Prosecutor Appointed

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Justice today announced the appointment of Robert Bruneau of Kamloops as independent Special Prosecutor in relation to a Kamloops R.C.M.P. investigation into the death of Jesse Seymour.

Mr. Bruneau, a senior Kamloops lawyer, was appointed July 16, 2012 by Acting Assistant Deputy Attorney General Brian Rendell. Given Mr. Seymour's relationship to the Honourable Stephen L. Point, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Mr. Rendell concluded that was necessary that an independent Special Prosecutor be appointed in order to avoid any perception or potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice.

Mr. Bruneau's mandate includes:

- Conducting an independent charge review of the Report to Crown Counsel submitted by the Kamloops R.C.M.P. and making the charging decision he deems appropriate in the exercise of his independent prosecutorial discretion;
- Offering such legal advice as is necessary to the police in the event that further investigation by them is required;
- Providing a written report to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General with the results of his review and the reasons for his decision; and
- If in his view a prosecution is warranted, conducting the prosecution and any subsequent appeal.

As this matter is now in the hands of the Special Prosecutor no further information will be released by the Criminal Justice Branch at this time.

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