



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### **Court of Appeal Decision Released In Tracy Dawn Smith Case**

**Victoria** - On December 21, 2012 the Criminal Justice Branch announced that it had filed an Application for Leave to Appeal from Sentence in the case of *R. v. Tracy Dawn Smith*, 2012 BCPC 0440. Ms. Smith pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing the death of Janarthan Mahenthiran. A Provincial Court Judge imposed a sentence of one day imprisonment for the offence, followed by three years probation.

The Crown's appeal was heard in Victoria on February 27, 2013. Today, the British Columbia Court of Appeal released its decision. The Court increased the sentence imposed on Ms. Smith to two years less one day imprisonment, followed by three years probation. The decision of the Court has been posted on the Court of Appeal's website at:

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/13/01/2013BCCA0173.htm>

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