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Criminal Justice Branch Releases First Annual Report on Children and Youth Victims

Victoria - Today, the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Justice released its first Annual Report on Children and Youth Victims. This report responds to recommendations made by the B.C. Representative for Children and Youth in a March 2012 report entitled: "*The Impact of Criminal Justice Funding Decisions on Children in BC*", which was presented to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia under Section 20 of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act*.

The Annual Report on Children and Youth Victims for 2012/2013 is available on the Branch's Internet site: <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/>

As set out in Table 1 of the Report, there were 2,224 persons whose concluded prosecutions from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 involved one or more identified child or youth victims. This represents 3.5% of the total 63,161 accused persons whose prosecutions were concluded during this period.

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Courageous, Fair and Efficient – A Prosecution Service that has the Confidence of the Public.

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