



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### Stanley Cup Riot Charge Update

**Victoria** – The Criminal Justice Branch, British Columbia’s prosecution service, confirms that charges have been approved and sworn against an additional 29 accused persons, 27 adults and two young persons, in connection with the Stanley Cup Riot on June 15, 2011.

The Branch is no longer maintaining personal information in relation to the individual accused on this website.

Public information on files involving adult accused is accessible through Court Services Online or the Vancouver Court Registry.

The *Youth Criminal Justice Act* prohibits publication of the names of young persons who are charged with criminal offences, or any information that could reasonably lead to their identification.

To date, comprehensive investigative reports relating to a total of 352 individuals have been forwarded by police to the Branch for charge assessment, beginning with a group of 60 suspects submitted October 31, 2011. The most recent group of files, relating to a total of 10 suspects, was received by the Branch on July 19, 2013.

The Prosecution Service has now approved charges against a total of 258 individuals. There are 46 suspects against whom the Branch has concluded that no charges will be approved. The charge assessment process is continuing in relation to the remaining suspects.

The Branch applies a two-part test to determine whether criminal charges should be approved and a prosecution initiated:

1. there must be a substantial likelihood of conviction based on the evidence gathered by the investigating agency; and
2. a prosecution must be required in the public interest.

A total of 166 of those charged so far have entered guilty pleas and one person was convicted following trial. Of those, 126 have been sentenced.

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Nine trials are currently scheduled on riot related charges. Eight have been scheduled in Provincial Court, while the ninth is set in B.C. Supreme Court. The prosecution of these cases is being handled by members of the Criminal Justice Branch Riot Prosecution Team, which was established shortly after the riot occurred in order to provide an effective and co-ordinated approach to the processing of riot related cases.

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