



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### Stanley Cup Riot Charge Update

**Victoria** – The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Justice, British Columbia’s Prosecution Service, confirms that charges have been approved and sworn against an additional 14 adults 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.

The Integrated Riot Investigation Team has submitted investigative reports relating to a total of 356 individuals to the Branch for charge assessment, beginning with a group of 60 suspects received October 31, 2011. The charge assessment process in relation to all of these suspects has been completed, with the exception of one file that was recently submitted to the Branch.

The Prosecution Service has approved charges against a total of 291 individuals. The Branch concluded that no charges would be approved against 64 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 231 of the persons charged have entered guilty pleas. This includes all young persons who were charged. Under the provisions of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, a young person is an individual who was under the age of 18, and over the age of 11, at the time an offence was committed.

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To date, 185 accused have been sentenced for Riot related charges.

The prosecution of these cases continues to be 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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