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Charges Approved in Amanda Todd Case

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Justice (CJB) today confirmed that charges have been approved against an adult male resident of the Netherlands in connection with the alleged online extortion of Amanda Todd. Charges were sworn today in British Columbia Provincial Court in Port Coquitlam under file number 91987.

All of the charges involve *Criminal Code* offences, including offences under sections 346(1.1)(b) (Extortion); 172.1(1)(a) (Internet Luring) and 264 (Criminal Harassment).

The accused also faces two charges under section 163.1 of the *Criminal Code* relating to child pornography.

The charges follow an investigation involving authorities in a number of countries. The accused currently remains in custody in the Netherlands, facing charges in that jurisdiction. At the request of authorities in the Netherlands, the Criminal Justice Branch is not announcing the name of the accused at this time.

Responsibility for making an application for extradition of an accused from another country lies with the federal Department of Justice, which may act after receiving a request from British Columbia. CJB has concluded that it is appropriate in this case to forward a request that the federal Department of Justice proceed with an extradition application, and will be preparing the necessary documentation.

Given the international aspects of this investigation, including the ongoing case in the Netherlands, it is impossible to predict with any certainty when the accused may appear in a British Columbia court. The Branch anticipates, however, that the process involved in seeking the attendance of the accused to answer the charges in British Columbia will be lengthy.

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The investigation which led to the approval of charges has involved ongoing co-operation between the Criminal Justice Branch, the R.C.M.P, and police and prosecution services internationally. Given that the matter is now before the court, the Criminal Justice Branch cannot release any additional information at this time.

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