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Criminal Justice Branch Releases Public Report on Riot Prosecutions

The Criminal Justice Branch (the Branch), Ministry of Justice, today released a detailed report on the prosecutions resulting from the 2011 Stanley Cup Riot in Vancouver.

The scope of the Riot investigations and their related prosecutions was unprecedented in B.C. This report offers a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the evidentiary and procedural complexities that were faced by police and Crown Counsel in advancing these cases.

Consistent with the Branch's ongoing efforts to enhance public awareness of its role as a Prosecution Service, the report contains an overview of the prosecution process for the Riot cases, summarizes their outcomes, and provides important insight on the mechanics of prosecutions that were dependent on video and photographs as the foundation of the Crown's evidence. The attached report can also be found online at: <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/pdf/stanley-cup-riot-prosecutions.pdf>

In October, Crown Counsel with the Branch's Riot Prosecution Team received national recognition from the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Heads of Prosecutions Committee for their work on the Riot cases, and were awarded the 2015 Commitment to Justice Award.

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

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