



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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Charges Approved for Alleged Animal Cruelty at Chilliwack Dairy

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch (CJB), Ministry of Justice, announced today that charges have been approved under the British Columbia *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCAA) and the *Wildlife Act* (WA), following an investigation into allegations of animal cruelty at a dairy operation owned by Chilliwack Cattle Sales Ltd.

The events giving rise to these charges are said to have occurred in May 2014. A Report to Crown Counsel recommending charges was first received by the CJB in June 2014. The charge assessment process has been lengthy due to a variety of factors, including the nature of the initial investigation, the number of potential accused, complexity in assessing the evidence available against each potential accused, completion of further investigation by the enforcement agency, and delay in CJB's completion of the charge assessment.

Charges have now been approved against several employees for allegedly permitting animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of section 9.1(2) of the PCAA, and for failing to protect animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of section 9.1(1) of the PCAA. Four of the employees also face a charge for allegedly molesting a pigeon, in violation of section 34(a) of the WA.

Charges under sections 9.1(1) and 9.1(2) of the PCAA have also been approved against Chilliwack Cattle Sales Ltd. as a corporate entity, and against corporate directors based on their legal responsibility for the proper operation of the facility.

The charges have been sworn in British Columbia Provincial Court in Chilliwack under court file 63894-1. First appearance in the matter has been scheduled for April 12, 2016. A copy of the sworn Information is attached to this Media Statement.

The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the Criminal Justice Branch in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf

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As this matter is now before the Court, CJB is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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This is the information of / Les présentes constituent la dénonciation de **Jeanette McKnight**, a / un(e) **Animal Protection Officer** (the "Informant" / le "Dénonciateur") of / de **Vancouver**, British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique.

The informant says that the informant has reasonable and probable grounds to believe and does believe that / Le dénonciateur déclare qu'il a des motifs raisonnables et probables et croit effectivement que

Count 1

John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Travis KEEFER, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD. and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 2

John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Travis KEEFER and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals including protecting the animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 3

Travis KEEFER, on or about the 7th day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, did molest a bird, to wit: a pigeon, in violation of Section 34(a) of the Wildlife Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 84(1) of the Wildlife Act R.S.B.C. 1996 Chap. 488 as amended.

Count 4

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jonathan TALBOT, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be in distress, or to continue to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

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Count 5

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jonathan TALBOT, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals including protecting the animals, from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 6

Jonathan TALBOT, on or about the 21st day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, did molest a bird to wit: a pigeon, in violation of Section 34(a) of the Wildlife Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 84(1) of the Wildlife Act R.S.B.C. 1996, Chap. 488 as amended.

Count 7

John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Jamie VISSER, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD. and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996 Chapter 372.

Count 8

Jamie VISSER, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Bradley KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN and Wesley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals, including protecting the animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 9

Jamie VISSER, on or about the 21st day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, did molest a bird to wit: a pigeon, in violation of Section 34(a) of the Wildlife Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 84(1) of the Wildlife Act R.S.B.C. 1996, Chap. 488 as amended.

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Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Chris VANDYKE, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Kenneth KOOYMAN, Bradley KOOYMAN and John KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 11

Chris VANDYKE, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., John KOOYMAN and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals, including protecting the animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 12

Chris VANDYKE, on or about the 21st day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, did molest a bird to wit: a pigeon, in violation of Section 34(a) of the Wildlife Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 84(1) of the Wildlife Act R.S.B.C. 1996, Chap. 488 as amended.

Count 13

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Cody LARSON, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN and John KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 14

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Kenneth KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Cody LARSON and John KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals, including protecting the animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

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CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Brad GENEREUX, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit the animals to be, or to continue to be, in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 16

John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Brad GENEREUX, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD. and Bradley KOOYMAN, from the 30th day of April, 2014 to the 1st day of June, 2014, inclusive, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for the animals, including protection the animals from circumstances that were likely to cause the animals to be in distress, in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 17

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jamie VISSER, Travis KEEFER, Chris VANDYKE, Bradley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN and Lloyd BLACKWELL, on or about the 16th day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for an animal, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit an animal, to wit: a cow, to be, or to continue to be, in distress by: lifted by chain, kicked and hit, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 18

Lloyd BLACKWELL, Chris VANDYKE, Travis KEEFER, Jamie VISSER, CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Bradley KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN and Wesley KOOYMAN, on or about the 16th day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did fail to care for an animal, to wit: a cow, including protecting the animal from circumstances, to wit: being lifted by a chain, kicked and hit, that were likely to cause the animal to be in distress in violation of Section 9.1(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and did thereby commit an offence contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

Count 19

CHILLIWACK CATTLE SALES LTD., Jamie VISSER, Brad GENEREUX, Travis KEEFER, Cody LARSON, Bradley KOOYMAN, Jeffrey KOOYMAN, Wesley KOOYMAN, Kenneth KOOYMAN, John KOOYMAN and Chris VANDYKE, on or about the 28th day of May, 2014, at or near Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia, being a person responsible for animals, to wit: cattle, did cause or permit an animal to wit: a cow to be, or to continue to be, in distress, to wit: lifted by chain, kicked and hit, in violation of Section 9.1(2) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, contrary to Section 24(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 372.

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