



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Charge Approved by Special Prosecutor

Victoria – The Criminal Justice Branch (CJB), Ministry of Justice, announced today that Special Prosecutor Michael Klein, QC, has approved a charge of assault against Patrick Pimm, a current Member of British Columbia’s Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Pimm has been charged with one count of assault, which is alleged to have occurred on August 13, 2016 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. Mr. Pimm’s first appearance on this charge is scheduled for September 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dawson Creek Provincial Court, file number 33502-1-K.

Michael Klein was appointed as a Special Prosecutor on August 16, 2016. At that time, the CJB had not received a Report to Crown Counsel (RTCC) relating to Mr. Pimm. Accordingly, the Special Prosecutor’s mandate was limited to addressing issues that might arise in respect of police-initiated release documents, as well as providing legal advice to the R.C.M.P. as may be required. Since, then, a RTCC was submitted to the Criminal Justice Branch for charge assessment and the Special Prosecutor’s mandate was expanded under s. 7(2) of the *Crown Counsel Act* to include charge assessment and having conduct of any ensuing prosecution.

As this matter is currently before the Court, neither the CJB nor the Special Prosecutor will be making any further comment.

CJB’s policy on Special Prosecutors and a related Information Sheet can be found at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crown-counsel-policy-manual/spe-1-special-prosecutors.pdf>

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/information-sheets/role-special-prosecutors.pdf>

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The Charge Assessment Guidelines that are applied by CJB and Special Prosecutors in reviewing all RTCCs are established in Branch policy and are available at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crown-counsel-policy-manual/cha-1-charge-assessment-guidelines.pdf>

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