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## Appointment of Special Prosecutor

**Victoria** - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that on February 2, 2018, the Assistant Deputy Attorney General Peter Juk QC (ADAG) appointed a Special Prosecutor in relation to alleged threats uttered at Nanaimo City Hall.

Mr. Michael Klein QC was appointed a Special Prosecutor shortly after an individual was arrested as a result of the incidents. The ADAG appointed Mr. Klein under s. 7 of the *Crown Counsel Act* because he considered it in the public interest to do so. The appointment of a Special Prosecutor is intended to avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of justice in light of the nature of the allegations and the identity of some of the complainants as elected municipal officials.

Mr. Klein is a senior Vancouver lawyer in private practice. He was given a mandate to provide legal advice to the RCMP investigators as may be necessary, conduct any related charge assessment and assume conduct of the prosecution if charges were approved.

As this matter is now under investigation, neither the BCPS nor the Special Prosecutor will be making any further comment.

The BCPS policy on Special Prosecutors and a related Information Sheet can be found at:

[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/crown-counsel-policy-manual/spe-1-special-prosecutors.pdf)

### [Role of Special Prosecutors](#)

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

[www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines](http://www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines)

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