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BC Prosecution Service announces the appointment of Special Prosecutor

Victoria - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that Marilyn Sandford QC has been appointed Special Prosecutor to conduct an independent review of the conduct of the BCPS in the prosecution of R. v. Bouvette, Cranbrook file # 29382. The file was concluded in 2013 and involved a conviction for criminal negligence causing death. Ms. Sandford was appointed following media inquiries about disclosure issues involving the pathologist on the case.

The ADAG concluded, based on the inquiries and the information available about the case that a Special Prosecutor should be appointed to avoid any significant potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of criminal justice. Ms. Sandford is a senior lawyer with the private bar in Vancouver.

The BCPS anticipates that a Media Statement will be issued at an appropriate time announcing the results of the review.

As the matter is currently subject to an independent review, neither the BCPS nor the Special Prosecutor will comment further or release any additional information at this time.

For general information, the BCPS policy on Special Prosecutors and a related Information Sheet can be found at:

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

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/information-sheets/infosheet_role-specialprosecutors.pdf

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