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BC Prosecution Service announces decision of Special Prosecutor

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that on January 29, 2025, Claire Hatcher was appointed as a Special Prosecutor involving an investigation being conducted by the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment of the RCMP into allegations against Maple Ridge city councillor Ahmed Antar Yousef Mohamed.

The appointment of a Special Prosecutor is intended to avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of justice considering the nature of the allegations and the identity of the accused as an elected public official.

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

[Special Prosecutors \(SPE 1\)](#)

[Role of Special Prosecutors](#)

Ms. Hatcher is a senior Vancouver lawyer in private practice. Her mandate includes providing legal advice to investigators as may be necessary, conducting any related charge assessment, and assuming conduct of the prosecution if any charge was approved.

The charge assessment guidelines to be applied by the Special Prosecutor, which are the same as those applied by regular Crown Counsel, are established in BCPS policy and are available at:

[Charge Assessment Guidelines \(CHA 1\)](#)

On May 9, 2025, on Port Coquitlam provincial court file 112160-1K, Mr. Mohamed was charged with a number of offences including assault, contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code*, pointing a firearm, contrary to section 87(1), and unsafe storage of a firearm and ammunition, contrary to section 86(1). Also on May 9, 2025, on Surrey provincial court file 259969-1, Mr. Mohamed was charged with two counts of disobeying a court order, contrary to section 127(1) of the *Criminal Code*.

Following consultation with the Special Prosecutor, the BCPS concluded that issuing a media statement was appropriate at this time.

As this matter is now before the court neither the Special Prosecutor nor the BCPS will be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

There may be publication bans in effect in relation to these court files. Any queries regarding the nature and scope of court orders, including publication bans, should be directed to the appropriate court registry.

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