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BC Prosecution Service announces decision of Special Prosecutor

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that on February 9, 2026, Gail Barnes was appointed as a Special Prosecutor involving an investigation being conducted by the North District Prince George RCMP into allegations against Jordan Kealy. Mr. Kealy is the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Peace River North.

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.

Ms. Barnes 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 BCPS policy on Special Prosecutors and a related Information Sheet can be found at:

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

[Role of Special Prosecutors](#)

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 June 3, 2026, Mr. Kealy was charged with one count of sexual assault on Fort St. John Provincial Court file number 39996-1. The alleged offences occurred between January 1 and September 20, 2024, in Fort St. John. The first appearance is on July 6, 2026, at Fort St. John Law Courts.

Following consultation with the Special Prosecutor, the BCPS concluded that issuing a media statement was appropriate at this time. As these matters are now before the court, neither the Special Prosecutor nor the BCPS will be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

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