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**BC Prosecution Service announces policy updates:
*Bail – Adults (BAI 1) and Sentencing – Adults (SEN 1)***

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announces an update to the *Crown Counsel Policy Manual* effective July 15, 2026.

The *Bail – Adults* ([BAI 1](#)) and *Sentencing – Adults* ([SEN 1](#)) policies have been updated in response to legislative changes made by the federal Bill C-14, which amends *Criminal Code* provisions relating to bail and sentencing. The updated *Bail – Adults* policy also incorporates guidance related to applications to forfeit bail (generally known as estreatment). As a result, the BCPS *Bail – Estreatments* (BAI 1.1) policy has been rescinded.

The BCPS reviews policies on an ongoing basis to ensure they accurately reflect developments in Canadian criminal law, respond appropriately to emerging issues or community needs, including scientific developments, and reasonably balance individual rights and the public interest.

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