



**2023 ANNUAL REPORT
On the Use of Electronic Surveillance**

Section 195(5) of the *Criminal Code* requires the Attorney General of each province to prepare an annual report relating to the interception of private communications. This information is derived from reports submitted by police agencies in British Columbia between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, and is reported below according to the year that the authorization was obtained, pursuant to section 186 or 188 of the *Criminal Code*; the year that the warrant was obtained, pursuant to section 487.01 of the *Criminal Code*; or the year that the interception occurred, pursuant to section 184.4 of the *Criminal Code*.

Section 195(1) of the *Criminal Code*

The agents and peace officers, specially designated in writing by the Attorney General for the purposes of sections 185 and 188, who applied for authorizations are named in Appendices A and B.

Section 195(2) of the *Criminal Code*

(a) The number of applications made for authorizations:

	2022	2023	Total
s. 185	3	6	9
s. 188	0	0	0
s. 487.01	1	3	4

(b) The number of applications made for renewals of authorizations:

	2022	2023	Total
s. 185	0	0	0
s. 487.01	0	0	0

(c) The number of authorizations granted:

	2022	2023	Total
s. 185	3	6	9
s. 188	0	0	0
s. 487.01	1	3	4

The number of authorizations granted subject to terms and conditions:

	2022	2023	Total
s. 185	3	6	9
s. 188	0	0	0
s. 487.01	1	3	4

(d) The number of persons identified in an authorization against whom proceedings were commenced at the instance of the Attorney General of British Columbia in respect of:

(i) an offence specified in an authorization:

2009	2022	2023	Total
1	2	0	3

(ii) an offence other than an offence specified in the authorization, but in respect of which an authorization may be given:

2009	2022	2023	Total
0	1	0	1

(iii) an offence in respect of which an authorization may not be given:

2009	2022	2023	Total
0	2	0	2

(e) The number of persons not identified in an authorization against whom proceedings were commenced at the instance of the Attorney General of British Columbia, and whose commission or alleged commission of the offence became known to a peace officer as a result of an interception of a private communication under an authorization, in respect of:

(i) an offence specified in an authorization:

2009	2022	2023	Total
0	0	0	0

(ii) an offence other than an offence specified in the authorization, but in respect of which an authorization may be given:

2009	2022	2023	Total
0	0	0	0

(iii) an offence in respect of which an authorization may not be given:

2009	2022	2023	Total
0	0	0	0

- (f) The average period for which authorizations were given and for which renewals were granted:

	2022	2023	Average
s. 185	57 days	55 days	56 days
s. 188	None	None	None
s. 487.01	60 days	51 days	53 days

- (g) The number of authorizations that, by virtue of one or more renewals, were valid for more than:

	2022	2023	Total
60 days	0	0	0
90 days	0	0	0
180 days	0	0	0
240 days	0	0	0

- (h) The number of notifications given, pursuant to section 196:

	2022	2023	Total
	79	0	79

Twenty-two of these notification letters were returned to the Ministry of Attorney General, undelivered.

- (i) The offences in respect of which authorizations were given, specifying the number of authorizations given in respect of each of those offences (*Criminal Code* offences, unless otherwise specified as *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*):

Offence	2022	2023	Total
235 Murder	4	9	13
465(1)(a) Conspiracy to commit murder	0	2	2

- (j) A description of all classes of places specified in authorizations and the number of authorizations in which each of those classes of places was specified:

	2022	2023	Total
Permanent residence	3	5	8
Temporary residence	0	6	6
Commercial premises	0	2	2
Vehicle	4	7	11
Cellular	3	5	8
Payphone	0	1	1
Body Pack	3	0	3

- (k) A general description of the methods of interception involved in each interception under an authorization¹:

	2022	2023	Total
Telecommunication	0	2	2
Microphone	31	21	52
Video	0	5	5
Cellular	29	16	45

- (l) The number of persons arrested whose identity became known to a peace officer as a result of an interception under an authorization:

2016	2022	2023	Total
1	1	0	2

- (m) The number of criminal proceedings commenced at the instance of the Attorney General of British Columbia in which private communications obtained by interception under an authorization were adduced in evidence:

2018	2022	2023	Total
0	3	0	3

and the number of those proceedings that resulted in a conviction:

2018	2022	2023	Total
2	1	0	3

- (n) The number of criminal investigations in which information obtained as a result of the interception of a private communication under an authorization was used, although the private communication was not adduced in evidence in criminal proceedings commenced at the instance of the Attorney General of British Columbia as a result of the investigation.

2009	2016	2023	Total
1	1	0	2

Section 195(2.1) of the *Criminal Code*

- (a) The number of interceptions made pursuant to section 184.4.

2022	2023	Total
11	339	350

¹ The number of installations reported for each method of interception.

- (b) The number of parties to each intercepted private communication against whom proceedings were commenced in respect of the offence that the police officer sought to prevent in intercepting the private communication or in respect of any other offence that was detected as a result of the interception.

2022	2023	Total
0	6	6

- (c) The number of persons who were not parties to an intercepted private communication but whose commission or alleged commission of an offence became known to a police officer as a result of the interception of a private communication, and against whom proceedings were commenced in respect of the offence that the police officer sought to prevent in intercepting the private communication or in respect of any other offence that was detected as a result of the interception.

2022	2023	Total
0	3	3

- (d) The number of notifications given, pursuant to section 196.1.

2022	2023	Total
2	8	10

Two of these notification letters were returned to the Ministry of Attorney General, undelivered.

- (e) The offences in respect of which interceptions were made and any other offences for which proceedings were commenced as a result of an interception, as well as the number of interceptions made with respect to each offence:

Offence	2022	2023	Total
266 Assault	0	1	1
267(a) Assault with weapon	0	1	1
279 Kidnapping / Unlawful confinement	0	1	1
279(1) Kidnapping / Unlawful confinement	0	1	1
279(1.1)(a) Kidnapping / Unlawful confinement, use of firearm	0	1	1
279(2) Kidnapping / Unlawful confinement	0	2	2
465(1) Conspiracy to commit an offence	0	1	1
465(1)(a) Conspiracy to commit murder	1	0	1

- (f) A general description of the methods of interception used for each interception:

	2022	2023	Total
Telecommunication	5	13	18

- (g) The number of persons arrested whose identity became known to a police officer as a result of an interception.

	2022	2023	Total
	0	8	8

- (h) The number of criminal proceedings commenced in which private communications obtained by interception were adduced in evidence and the number of those proceedings that resulted in a conviction.

	2022	2023	Total
	0	0	0

- (i) The number of criminal investigations in which information obtained as a result of the interception of a private communication was used even though the private communication was not adduced in evidence in criminal proceedings commenced as a result of the investigations.

	2022	2023	Total
	1	3	4

- (j) The duration of each interception and the aggregate duration of all the interceptions related to the investigation of the offence that the police officer sought to prevent in intercepting the private communication.

Investigation	Duration of Each Interception (h:mm:ss)	Aggregate Duration of All Interceptions (h:mm:ss)
Investigation A	Appendix C	0:08:07
Investigation B	Appendix C	0:00:00
Investigation C	Appendix C	2:30:07
Investigation D	Appendix C	0:38:32
Investigation E	Appendix C	1:12:06
Aggregate duration of all interceptions		4:28:52

Section 195(3)(a) of the *Criminal Code*

- (a) The number of prosecutions commenced against officers or Servants of Her Majesty in Right of Canada or members of the Canadian Forces for offences under section 184 or section 193.

2022	2023	Total
0	0	0

Section 195(3)(b) of the *Criminal Code*

Interception of private communications, pursuant to the provisions of Part VI of the *Criminal Code*, is an essential element for the investigation, detection, prevention and prosecution of offences in Canada. Often the police obtain information through the interception of private communications that they could not have received by any other means. New information may also trigger additional investigations. Due to the serious nature of invasions of privacy, there are statutory safeguards to ensure that abuses do not take place. Generally, the interception of private communications must only be done with the authorization of a Justice of the Supreme Court. When the police require an authorization, a designated Crown counsel reviews the application to ensure it complies with the appropriate laws. Designated senior police officers may, in cases of emergencies, directly apply to the court for an authorization. The application is brought before a justice or judge, who will grant the authorization if it is in the best interests of the administration of justice and the application meets other criteria, as set out in Part VI of the *Criminal Code*. The authorizations are valid for a specific period of time and must be renewed by a Justice if they are required for a longer period of time. In certain circumstances, a police officer may intercept private communications without judicial authorization if the interception is immediately necessary to prevent an offence that would cause serious harm to any person or to property, as set out in Part VI of the *Criminal Code*.

Appendix A

Section 195(1)(a) requires that the agents who made application for an authorization pursuant to section 185 of the *Criminal Code* be named in the annual report. They are as follows:

Joel Gold
Michael Lefebure
Gordon Matei KC

Appendix B

Section 195(1)(b) requires that the peace officers who made application for an authorization pursuant to section 188 of the *Criminal Code* be named in the annual report. They are as follows:

None

Appendix C

Investigation A

Session	Duration
1	0:00:39
2	0:00:39
3	0:01:08
4	0:01:03
5	0:00:32
6	0:00:37
7	0:00:36
8	0:00:41
9	0:01:09
10	0:00:45
11	0:00:18
Total	0:08:07

Investigation B

Session	Duration
1	0:00:00
2	0:00:00
3	0:00:00
4	0:00:00
5	0:00:00
6	0:00:00
7	0:00:00
8	0:00:00
9	0:00:00
10	0:00:00
11	0:00:00
12	0:00:00
13	0:00:00
14	0:00:00
Total	0:00:00

Investigation C

Session	Duration
1	0:01:22
2	0:01:21
3	0:01:21
4	0:04:25
5	0:04:55
6	0:02:01
7	0:02:00
8	0:02:00
9	0:00:07
10	0:00:12
11	0:00:36
12	0:00:28
13	0:00:29
14	0:00:05
15	0:00:00
16	0:00:05
17	0:00:05
18	0:05:40
19	0:05:40
20	0:05:39
21	0:00:00
22	0:00:05
23	0:02:34
24	0:03:04
25	0:00:00
26	0:00:06
27	0:00:05
28	0:00:00
29	0:00:06
30	0:00:05
31	0:00:01
32	0:00:01
33	0:00:00

34	0:00:05
35	0:00:06
36	0:00:30
37	0:00:35
38	0:00:37
39	0:00:06
40	0:00:06
41	0:00:00
42	0:00:00
43	0:00:05
44	0:00:05
45	0:00:00
46	0:00:05
47	0:00:05
48	0:01:46
49	0:02:16
50	0:01:16
51	0:01:11
52	0:01:10
53	0:00:01
54	0:00:06
55	0:00:34
56	0:00:33
57	0:00:33
58	0:04:25
59	0:04:25
60	0:02:34
61	0:02:34
62	0:00:01
63	0:00:01
64	0:00:02
65	0:00:07
66	0:00:11
67	0:00:08

68	0:00:09
69	0:00:00
70	0:00:28
71	0:00:28
72	0:00:28
73	0:04:23
74	0:04:57
75	0:00:10
76	0:00:41
77	0:00:09
78	0:00:39
79	0:00:25
80	0:00:55
81	0:01:21
82	0:01:51
83	0:01:08
84	0:01:42
85	0:01:46
86	0:02:16
87	0:01:50
88	0:01:49
89	0:01:49
90	0:00:00
91	0:00:00
92	0:00:00
93	0:00:05
94	0:00:00
95	0:00:06
96	0:00:00
97	0:00:05
98	0:00:05
99	0:00:00
100	0:00:05
101	0:00:06

102	0:00:00
103	0:00:05
104	0:00:01
105	0:00:01
106	0:05:41
107	0:00:00
108	0:00:00
109	0:01:47

110	0:00:33
111	0:00:00
112	0:00:00
113	0:01:38
114	0:01:39
115	0:01:08
116	0:11:20
117	0:11:51

118	0:01:27
119	0:01:27
120	0:04:32
121	0:04:36
122	0:01:28
Total	2:30:07

Investigation D

Session	Duration
1	0:00:27
2	0:00:27
3	0:00:29
4	0:00:29
5	0:00:15
6	0:00:15
7	0:10:27
8	0:01:31
9	0:05:28
10	0:00:00
11	0:06:28
12	0:06:30
13	0:01:17
14	0:01:17
15	0:00:00
16	0:00:00
17	0:00:00
18	0:00:00
19	0:00:00
20	0:00:00
21	0:00:00
22	0:00:29
23	0:00:03

24	0:00:30
25	0:00:30
26	0:00:05
27	0:00:00
28	0:00:05
29	0:00:05
30	0:00:00
31	0:00:05
32	0:00:00
33	0:00:00
34	0:00:05
35	0:00:00
36	0:00:05
37	0:00:00
38	0:00:05
39	0:00:00
40	0:00:07
41	0:00:00
42	0:00:00
43	0:00:00
44	0:00:05
45	0:00:00
46	0:00:00
47	0:00:06

48	0:00:00
49	0:00:00
50	0:00:05
51	0:00:00
52	0:00:06
53	0:00:00
54	0:00:05
55	0:00:05
56	0:00:06
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61	0:00:05
62	0:00:00
63	0:00:00
64	0:00:05
65	0:00:00
66	0:00:00
67	0:00:05
68	0:00:00
69	0:00:00
Total	0:38:32

Investigation E

Session	Duration
1	0:00:11
2	0:00:00
3	0:00:00
4	0:00:00
5	0:00:00
6	0:00:00
7	0:00:00
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13	0:00:00
14	0:00:00
15	0:00:00
16	0:00:00
17	0:00:00
18	0:00:00
19	0:00:23
20	0:00:23
21	0:00:02
22	0:01:45
23	0:01:23
24	0:00:56
25	0:00:00
26	0:00:00
27	0:00:00
28	0:00:00
29	0:00:00
30	0:00:00
31	0:00:00
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120	0:00:31
121	0:00:00
122	0:00:21
123	0:00:55
124	0:00:04
125	0:02:45
126	0:00:00
127	0:00:00

128	0:04:40
129	0:04:13
130	0:00:44
131	0:00:00
132	0:01:59
133	0:01:31
134	0:00:00
Total	1:12:06