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BC Prosecution Service stands up ReVOII teams to address repeat violent offenders

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that the members of five dedicated regional prosecution teams to support the Repeat Violent Offender Intervention Initiative (ReVOII) have been identified. Team members will transition into their new assignments through April and will commence full operations May 1, 2023, after receiving coordinated and focused training.

The ReVOII teams, consisting of 21 dedicated Crown Counsel, along with dedicated professional staff, will provide criminal law advice, and independent prosecutorial support and services in conjunction with 12 ReVOII community hubs established under the Province’s Safer Communities Action plan.

Dedicated ReVOII prosecutors will operate in each of the five BCPS regions (Northern, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island). Each regional team will have members who live and work in the communities in the region, are familiar with local issues and concerns, and have established working relationships with local police officers and corrections staff.

The work of the dedicated Crown Counsel teams will involve collaboration and improved information sharing with probation officers, correctional supervisors, and police agencies throughout the province. This collaboration will be undertaken in a manner that maintains and conforms with the constitutional requirement of prosecutorial independence. The participation of BCPS in ReVOII will not diminish its organizational commitment to addressing overrepresentation of Indigenous persons in the criminal justice system, as victims, accused, and offenders.

The BCPS is nearing completion of an extensive hiring process to fill vacancies created by the assignment of dedicated Crown Counsel to the ReVOII teams.

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