



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Practice Direction

Pursuant to s. 11(1) of the *Provincial Court Act*

Prisoner remands to East Kootenay Judicial District from the Justice Centre

Further to the Court's Practice Direction (dated February 9, 2009) titled "*Hearing of Bail Applications*", please note the following Interim Direction with respect to prisoner remands in the East Kootenay Judicial District. This includes the court locations at Creston, Cranbrook, Fernie, Golden, Invermere and Sparwood.

- Prisoners remanded by the Justice Centre will be adjourned only to criminal court sittings or back to the Justice Centre. Prisoners should not be remanded to civil and family court sittings.
- Prisoners should not be remanded to court locations other than the one in which the charge arose (i.e. a Creston prisoner should not be remanded to a criminal day in Golden because it is the next sitting of a criminal court). Those prisoners should be remanded to the Justice Centre until Crown and defence determine whether bail will be contested and when the court is able to conduct a contested bail hearing. The exception to this direction relates to the communities of Sparwood and Fernie given the relative proximity of these locations. A remand from Sparwood may be adjourned to a criminal court sitting in Fernie and vice versa.

This Interim Direction takes effect immediately and will continue until further notice.

Tom J. Crabtree
Chief Judge

September 16, 2010