



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *23 February 2015*

**CRIM 06**

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION**

### **PRISONER REMANDS TO EAST KOOTENAY JUDICIAL DISTRICT FROM THE JUSTICE CENTRE**

#### **Purpose**

To clarify the court locations of criminal cases remanded from the Justice Centre involving prisoners in the East Kootenays.

#### **Application**

This practice direction applies to court locations in the East Kootenays including the following:

- Creston
- Cranbrook
- Fernie
- Golden
- Invermere
- Sparwood

#### **Directions**

1. Prisoners remanded by the Justice Centre will be adjourned to either the Justice Centre or to criminal court sittings in the above court locations.
2. Prisoners should not be remanded to civil or family sittings.
3. Prisoners should only be remanded to the court location where the charge arose. The only exceptions to this are Sparwood and Fernie where a prisoner may be adjourned to the location that is having the earliest sitting.
4. If a court location is not having an early sitting the case should be adjourned 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.

**History of Practice Direction**

- Original practice direction dated September 16, 2010.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and Rule 3 of the *Criminal Caseflow Management Rules*.

Thomas J. Crabtree  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia