



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *31 July 2015*

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PRACTICE DIRECTION

MISSING PERSONS ACT APPLICATIONS

Purpose

To set out the procedure for a member of a police force to make an application under the *Missing Persons Act*, S.B.C. 2014, c. 2.

Application

This practice direction applies to all court locations in the Province.

Directions

1. *Missing Persons Act* applications (“Applications”) are heard by Judicial Justices (“JJs”).
2. Applications in person may be made at the Justice Centre in Burnaby or in all court locations in which JJs are normally resident or regularly preside in traffic court. This does not include circuit courts where there is no registry. JJs are considered available to hear Applications in person during court sitting hours when not presiding in court, but *not* during scheduled breaks, lunch adjournments, or outside of court sitting hours.
3. Applications by fax may be made to the Justice Centre at (604) 775-3355.
4. A member of a police force is instructed to telephone the Justice Centre at (604) 660-3263 to give advance notice that an Application will be made.
5. Applications may not be referred to a judge without the approval of the applicable Regional Administrative Judge.

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated July 31, 2015.
- 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.

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Chief Judge
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