



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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To All Police Agencies in the Province of British Columbia

Re: After - Hours and Weekend Access to Judicial Justice Resources For Search Warrant and Production Order Applications

The purpose of this correspondence is to update all enforcement agencies regarding the availability of Judicial Justice resources from 24:00 hrs until 8:00 hrs daily; as well as an increased capacity to deal with daytime applications on weekends and statutory holidays.

24:00 – 08:00 Hours

There is one Judicial Justice assigned to deal with night time applications from their home office. Warrant applications may be in person if the Judicial Justice is local to your police agency; otherwise the application may be by way of the telewarrant provisions of the *Criminal Code* if the grounds for “impracticability” exist.

In order to contact the Judicial Justice phone RCMP E-Division at 778-290-6000 who will then relay your information to the on duty Judicial Justice who will subsequently contact the affiant. The night services available to enforcement agencies during the hours of 24:00 hrs - 8:00 hrs are:

- Warrants / sealing orders
- Production orders (in person only)
- Arrest warrant requests relating to crimes of violence

Weekends and Statutory Holidays

The implementation of the Crown - led bail project has created an increased capacity for Judicial Justices to review warrant and production order applications on weekends and statutory holidays at the Justice Center. Judicial Justices may be accessed from 8:00 hrs until 23:30 hrs on those days.

Search warrant applications are reviewed as Judicial Justices become available. Applications for production orders may be dropped off, following which you will be



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contacted for pickup. Notify the Justice Centre in advance of any applications in excess of 100 pages to assist with scheduling of the review.

Please refer any enquiries to the Administrative Judicial Justice assigned to the Justice Centre at 604-660-3263.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Hayes, Administrative Judicial Justice