

# PROVINCIAL COURT FRONT END PROJECT

*WHAT'S NEW?*

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## **Bail Courts**

A Bail Committee has been established to discuss the current bail court system. A separate newsletter is being circulated with respect to this committee.

## **Multi-accused charges**

Charges on the PTC custody docket where there are three or more accused will be sent to Administrative Court for decision on whether a Judge/Case Manager should be assigned.

## **Administrative Court – Domestic Violence Out of Custody Charges**

There will be an out of custody Administrative Court that will sit on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in courtroom 303 commencing April 16, 2007. The Administrative Court will hear all domestic violence out of custody matters that are not ready for disposition and require the attention of a Provincial Court Judge, such as timeline violations, trial dates that could not be set in the PTC court, counsel to withdraw without new counsel present, etc.

## **Domestic Violence – Custody Dockets**

We have been advised that crown assignment for the domestic violence Tuesday custody dockets has been changed to monthly assignments as opposed to weekly assignments. Previously, a domestic violence custody matter that appeared on the Tuesday docket had to be set down for the same week for disposition. As a result of the change to monthly crown assignments, these matters can be scheduled for disposition any time during the monthly assignment.

## **Custody Timelines – Additional timeline added for disclosure**

All adult, federal and domestic violence accused that are being held in custody will have a timeline imposed of one month for initial disclosure and three months from their first custody appearance to enter a plea. The only exception will be those accused who are charged with an offence as noted below. On these matters, a timeline of three months will be imposed for initial disclosure and six months from their first custody appearance to enter a plea.

Homicides and fatalities  
Child pornography  
Attempt murder  
Aggravated sexual assault & sexual assault with weapon  
Aggravated assault  
Robbery with firearm  
Robbery  
Sexual assault cause bodily harm  
Break and enter  
Impaired cause bodily harm  
Criminal negligence cause bodily harm  
Drive dangerous cause bodily harm  
Extortion  
Hostage taking  
Incest  
Perjury  
All firearm and explosive offences  
Overcoming resistance - s. 246  
Administering noxious thing with intent  
Criminal harassment  
Mischief endangering life  
Arson