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Vancouver, B.C.

April 17, 1990

THE CLERK: In the County Court of Vancouver this 17th day of April, 1990, Her Majesty the Queen against Michael Cahill, Your Honour.

MS. BULLER: May it please the Court, Buller, initial M., agent for the Attorney General of Canada.

MR. JEVNING: Your Honour, my name is Jevning, J-E-V-N-I-N-G, initials J. D. I appear for Mr. Cahill.

THE COURT: This matter is set to proceed to trial today?

MS. BULLER: Yes, Your Honour.

MR. JEVNING: Yes.

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MS. BULLER: The first witness is Corporal Bennett, Your Honour.

BARRY RUBIN BENNETT,  
a witness called on behalf  
of the Crown, being first  
duly sworn, testifies as  
follows:

THE CLERK: Please state your full name and spell your last name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Barry Rubin Bennett, B-E-N-N-E-T-T. I am a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, regimental number 30041, stationed in the City of Vancouver.

EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MS. BULLER:

Q Corporal Bennett, you are currently assigned to the Drug Squad here in Vancouver?

A I am.

Q How long have you been with the Vancouver Drug Squad?

A I've been with Vancouver Drug Enforcement, which includes the Drug Intelligence Team, for approximately thirteen and a half years.

Q And you're familiar with the R.C.M.P.'s use of civilian undercover agents in drug work?

A Yes, I am. Of the thirteen and a half years, six and

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information he was supplied. We were not looking to find somebody and put them into the drug business.

That's one of the standards on our operations -- and including this one. We do not like to take somebody who's a -- let's say "a gram dealer" and make them into an ounce or a half pound dealer when that is not the case, and we will not pursue those fields.

The Vancouver Drug Enforcement, the undercover team in itself have a reputation that's more or less to be envied over the years and we don't intend to tarnish it in such fashion.

Q You also stated in cross-examination at some point in Operation Deception it was decided to get an undercover officer to talk to Mr. Cahill after dealing -- talking to Mr. Barry, that you get an undercover member to talk to Mr. Cahill. Are you in the position to call off this operation at any time?

A Yes, absolutely. I wouldn't make that decision solely by myself; it would be between myself and Dop, and then we would have approached our inspector, but at any time during an operation if we feel that it's not going well or we should shut it down, we would do so. And, actually, myself and Sergeant Dop have done this on other operations, where we've shut them down in midstream, if you like.

MS. BULLER: Thank you, Your Honour, those are my questions.

THE COURT: Thank you, you may be excused.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

MS. BULLER: Glen Barry, please.

GLEN HOWARD BARRY, a witness called on behalf of the Crown, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

THE CLERK: Please state your full name and spell your last name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Glen Howard Barry, B-A-R-R-Y.

EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MS. BULLER:

Q Mr. Barry, you are a civilian agent for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?