

May 12, 2015

Andrew Sorfleet  
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Dear Mr.Sorfleet:

**Re: R. v. Bradley BARTON**  
**Cindy Glaude case**

Thank you for your letters dated April 3, 2015 regarding the outcome of the prosecution of Bradley Barton.

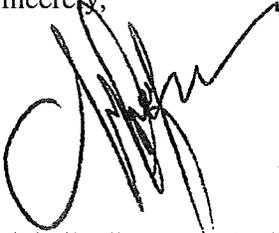
At the trial of Bradley Barton, the Crown vigorously advocated for Mr. Barton's conviction of first-degree murder. However, the jury found Mr. Barton not guilty of first-degree murder and not guilty of manslaughter. The Alberta Crown Prosecution Service is appealing the acquittal. While I understand the public interest and expressions of concern about this case, I must take this opportunity to emphasize two-fundamental principles about how the justice system operates and the unique role of the Crown within that system.

First, there is a long-standing rule that we do not comment publicly on matters that are currently before the courts. We have a responsibility to respect the independence of the judiciary. One aspect of that responsibility is that we do not comment to the public or the media about the details of cases that are before the courts. Any comments that we might make about the trial or appeal in this matter could jeopardize the appeal or any other proceedings that may take place in the future. Out of respect for the role of the courts and in recognition of the seriousness of this matter, we will not be making any further statements about the substance of the trial or any appellate proceedings.

Second, it is important to emphasize the nature of the decision to launch an appeal from a jury verdict. That decision is based solely on a careful and dispassionate review of the law and the legal instructions to the jury. While the public has every right to discuss, comment and express all opinions about a particular case, it is also a fundamental principle of our justice system that prosecutorial decisions, including the decision to initiate an appeal, are based exclusively on an analysis of the law and on an application of the rule of law. The notoriety of a case or public response to a verdict or ruling plays no part in those decisions.

Thank you for taking the time to express your views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michelle C. Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Michelle C. Doyle, Q.C.  
Chief Crown Prosecutor