

October 13, 1999

NOTICE

Re: Attendance of Accused Persons in Court for Fixing of Dates for Trial

Accused persons, whether in custody or not in custody, who are not represented by counsel, are required to be present in court for the fixing of their date for trial.

Accused persons, who are in custody and are represented by counsel, are NOT required to be in court for the fixing of their date for trial. Should it be necessary for the accused to be present, his or her counsel must apply for an order providing for the attendance of the accused. The application shall be commenced by a Notice of Application in Form 1 as prescribed in the ***Criminal Rules of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, 1997***.

Accused persons, who are not in custody and who are represented by counsel should be present in court at the fixing of their date for trial. If the accused is unable to be present, he or she must later attend in court to confirm the date for trial fixed by their counsel.”

This Notice is effective immediately.

Associate Chief Justice Dohm