



COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF PHOENIX SINCLAIR

**Media and Communications Protocol for Public Hearings
Respecting Witnesses Classified as Sources of Referral (“SOR Protocol”)**

Pursuant to the Ruling on Publication Ban dated July 12, 2012, the following is the procedure in place for the testimony of all witnesses identified by the Commission as Sources of Referral (SORs):

1. The Commission’s Media and Communications Protocol is to be followed, to the extent that there is no conflict between it and this SOR Protocol. To the extent that there is any conflict, the provisions of this SOR Protocol apply.
2. Any form of publication, broadcasting, or otherwise communicating by television, internet, radio, print or any other means, of the name, face or identity of any SOR is prohibited.
3. The hearing room will be open only to the Commissioner, Commission counsel, and counsel for the SOR during the swearing in of any SOR. During the testimony of an SOR, the hearing room will be open to the public including the media.
4. In the case of all SORs (with the exception of SOR#3), if testifying by video link, the SOR’s image will be transmitted via one monitor, which will face the Commissioner only and will not be visible to counsel or others in attendance at the hearing. In the case of SOR#3, the witness’ image will be visible on all monitors in the hearing room.
5. With the exception of the swearing in of the SOR, at all times throughout the public hearings the SOR shall not be referred to by name or otherwise identified by any person or in any documents tendered at the public hearings, and shall be referred to by a pseudonym designated by Commission Counsel.
6. Video recording and broadcasting of the testimony of any SOR is prohibited.
7. Audio recording and broadcasting of the testimony of any SOR is prohibited, with the following exceptions: (1) members of the media may record the testimony of an SOR only for the purpose of ensuring accuracy in reporting; and (2) the Commission may record the testimony of an SOR in order to have transcripts produced, and may make audio recordings available to Commission counsel, and counsel for parties and/or witnesses.
8. Live streaming of the testimony of any SOR is prohibited.
9. This protocol is subject to change from time to time as may be ordered by the Commissioner.

Chief Administrative Officer, Marcia Ewatski, acts as the Media Relations Officer for the Commission. Questions about media access to hearings and all requests for interviews with Commission Counsel should be directed to her by telephone at 945-8949 or by e-mail at mewatski@phoenixsinclairinquiry.ca.

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