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CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH DECISION: DEATH OF ROBERT DZIEKANSKI AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YVR) – OCTOBER 14, 2007

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced its decision of a charge assessment in relation to the incident on October 14, 2007 at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in which Robert Dziekanski died.

The Branch provided a "Clear Statement" of its decision (attached) in this matter which states:

DECISION

The charge assessment in this case was undertaken and reviewed by three levels of Executive Management within the Criminal Justice Branch. The reviews were unanimous in their conclusion.

There is a substantial body of independent evidence which supports that the Officers in question were lawfully engaged in their duties when they encountered Mr. Dziekanski, and the force they used to subdue and restrain him was reasonable and necessary in all the circumstances.

In light of this independent evidence, there is not a substantial likelihood of conviction in this case for any of the offences considered, in fact, the available evidence falls markedly short of this standard.

Accordingly, the Criminal Justice Branch will not be approving any charges in relation to this very tragic event.

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