

Arguing Over The Use Of Officers At Three High Profile Murder Trials

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Chilliwack, B.C. - The Provincial Attorney General and the BCGEU are butting heads over staffing of three upcoming high profile gangland murder trials in Vancouver.

Some Chilliwack area corrections officers will be used by Sheriff Services at the court houses in Vancouver to augment security. The BCGEU says Sheriffs are trained to use firearms, Corrections officers are not and this puts a strain on manpower.

Chilliwack MLA and Attorney General Barry Penner says the timing is unique and could not be avoided.

Union Spokesperson Dean Purdy says the A-G saw this coming. Purdy was referring to the staffing shortages with the Sheriff Services and Penner's people should have done a better job at people management.

Penner says no one's security has been compromised and Sherriff Services had fair warning that people and resources would be shifted to cover security.