

## **Sheriff shortage worsens**

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Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs hours are being cut across the province despite judges closing court rooms because of a lack of security.

The BC Government and Service Employees Union are calling the shortage a crisis and Chair of the Corrections and Sheriffs Services Component, Dean Purdy, says it's not helping our justice system.

"We think its reached a point where the whole court system is going to bog down and trials are going to be delayed and justice is going to be delayed. That's going to impact a lot of people who are depending on the court system for fair justice."

Purdy adds it's encouraging to see judges who are finally fed up are speaking out.

Recently in Kelowna, two judges closed their court rooms because there were no sheriffs to provide security.