

PUBLICATION BANS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

1. Regarding the Preliminary Hearing

- a. By order of the Provincial Court on January 15, 2003:

Take notice, by order of the Provincial Court, pursuant to section 539 and 537(1) of the ***Criminal Code of Canada***, there is a ban on publication of evidence, including any submissions, representations or rulings respecting evidence or the nature of the evidence taken at the preliminary hearing of Robert William Pickton. This ban extends to any publication in any newspaper, on the Internet, or broadcast by any means.

This ban remains in effect with respect to the noted information from the preliminary hearing.

2. Regarding the Pre-trial Motions and Voir Dires

- a. Section 648(1) of the ***Criminal Code of Canada*** applies to all pre-trial motions and voir dires in these proceedings. It provides as follows:

Where permission to separate is given to members of a jury under subsection 647(1), no information regarding any portion of the trial at which the jury is not present shall be published, after the permission is granted, in any newspaper or broadcast before the jury retires to consider its verdict.

- b. "Broadcast" for the purposes of s. 648(1) includes the posting of information on the Internet.

- c. By order of the Supreme Court on June 8, 2005:

There shall be no publication or broadcast by any means, including the Internet, of information that would tend to identify websites or other sources from which prohibited information about these proceedings can be accessed, including, but not limited to, the names and addresses of any such websites and sources.