

## The Directive Simplified

If a charge is laid, the matter will be reviewed by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

No charge will be prosecuted unless it is in the public interest to do so.

Circumstances which would justify proceeding with a prosecution in the public interest are the use of Rehtaeh Parsons' name in a way that detracts from Parliament's intent to:

- Encourage witnesses to report offences;
- Protect victims from harm;
- Protect victims from intimidation; and
- Protect victims from retaliation.

In other words, if Ms. Parsons' name is used in a derogatory way without respect, the Director of Public Prosecutions would have the option of proceeding with a prosecution.

If Ms. Parsons' name is used in a respectful way, the Director of Public Prosecutions will not prosecute any violation of the publication ban.