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Dear Mr. Herschorn:

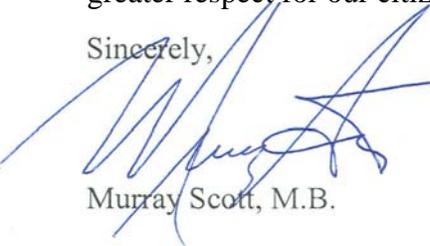
Violent crime in our province is escalating. Some of those convicted of these crimes who have been released on conditions or under supervision agreements continue to break the law.

I know that you, as Director of Public Prosecutions, take this issue very seriously as do Crowns throughout the Province and others involved in the Justice system. We need to send a strong message to those who ignore the laws and inflict harm upon our citizens. Everything possible must be done to provide safety to the public so that there is a sense of security in our communities throughout the Province.

It is as a result of these concerns that I am directing the Public Prosecution Service to employ every appropriate means to ensure that individuals who appear before the Courts after having allegedly committed violent crimes are detained until such time as they can be dealt with through the court process. It is particularly critical that this occur where weapons have been used in the commission of crime. In the event that an offender is released on bail or on conditions, I am directing that the Prosecution Service pursue the most appropriate remedy available, as a result of the breach of conditions or other terms of release.

I believe that a strong message to those who would commit violent crimes will instill in them a greater respect for our citizens, our communities and our judicial system.

Sincerely,



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