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MEDIA RELEASE – July 30, 2019

Rajdeep Kaur Khakh found in contempt of court again—now serving time

VANCOUVER, BC: On July 12, 2019, the BC Supreme Court found Rajdeep Kaur Khakh in contempt of court for having engaged in the practice of medicine (injecting Botox and dermal fillers) contrary to an injunction.

Ms. Khakh had been previously found in contempt in January 2019 and was given a 30-day suspended sentence at the time, in addition to a fine. The most recent finding of contempt arose from subsequent events in February 2019.

In the result, the court lifted the earlier suspension and ordered Ms. Khakh to serve the 30-day incarceration. The court also imposed a further 30-day custodial period, to be served once the first 30 days had elapsed. In addition, Ms. Khakh was again fined.

Ms. Khakh was taken into custody at the end of the hearing and transported to Alouette Correctional Centre for Women in Maple Ridge where she will serve out her sentence.

Says the College's chief legal counsel, Mr. Graeme Keirstead, "For Ms. Khakh to have disobeyed a court order not once but twice is extraordinary, and it appears clear that her ladyship found this level of contempt to be worthy of significant punishment. It is the College's hope that this will send a message to Ms. Khakh, and to anyone else who disregards the law, that the College and the Courts take their processes very seriously."

The College strongly advises members of the public who have received Botox or dermal filler injections by an unlicensed practitioner to consult with their family physician to review the treatment/procedure received and ensure that there are no complications.

The public is further reminded that only health professionals who are licensed and registered, and eligible under their scope of practice, are authorized to inject Botox and dermal fillers. Estheticians or other non-regulated persons are not authorized to inject medicine, regardless of any training or qualifications obtained from a "medical esthetic" institute or academy.

Background material

[Unlawful practice of medicine](#)

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[Media release – January 23, 2019](#)

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