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Dear Mr. Chief Constable:

## Re: On Criminal charges against lawyer Martin Wirick

I write out of concern that Vancouver Police are strangely slow in going about their duties in this case of major fraud by the disbarred lawyer Martin Wirick, and his accomplice, developer Tarsem Gill.

I understand from a story in the Vancouver Sun, 26 Mar 03, that Acting Inspector Rennie Hoffman is investigating the case — now almost two years. The 26 Mar 03 story follows other stories in the Vancouver Sun, on 19 and 20 Sep 02.

To borrow the words of David Baines of more than a year ago, "Why this case would take so long is beyond me. When you get down to the essentials, this is not exactly Air India."

Why have there been no recommendations to the Attorney General for charges to be laid against the two. In the landmark case of R v. Skalbania, Mr. Skalbainia gave all the money back with interest within four months and was still sentenced to a term of 12 months.

If anything the amount of evidence against Mr. Wirick and Mr. Gill is overwhelming. As Mr. Wirick stated on oath in "THE AFFAIRS OF THE BANKRUPT" on 9 July 2002: giving reasons for his financial difficulty, and I quote:

"Failing to pay out mortgages pursuant to my undertakings, but instead paying monies to my client on his promise to pay out the mortgages, but who failed to do so."

It would be an easy case to just get it filed. The criminal code provides as follows: *Criminal breach of trust* 

**336.** Every one who, being a trustee of anything for the use or benefit, whether in whole or in part, of another person, or for a public or charitable purpose, converts, with intent to defraud and in contravention of his trust, that thing or any part of it to a use that is not authorized by the trust is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.

On **11 May 04**, the Globe and Mail ran a story, "Canada, a haven for dirty money, conference told.". One cannot just make \$70 million disappear.

cc: David Baines Vancouver Sun:

- Att: a) *"Lewyer in fraud probe now a pet tood baker"*, 19 Sep 02, page 1, by David Baines Vancouver Sun.
  - b) "Legal fraud largest ever for commercial crime unit.", 20 Sep 02, page 1, by David Baines, Vancouver Sun.
  - c) "Law society's special fund provides payouts to victims", 26 Mar 03, page C3, by David Baines, Vancouver Sun.
  - d) "Canada, a haven for dirty money, conference told.", 11 May 04, page B8, by Karen Howlett, Globe and Mail.