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- Principles—Disclosure Obligation in Non-Indictable Proceedings—Timing of Disclosure, Continuing Obligation and Variation; Principles—Examples of Disclosed Material—Police Notes; Exceptions to Disclosure—Informants—When the Crown produced a police officer's affidavit on sentencing, the Crown was ordered to disclose to the defence information on the accused's alleged gang memberships that was not disclosed at trial: *R. v. Paddy*, 2024 SKKB 137 (Sask. K.B.), July 26, 2024, Elson J.
- Exceptions to Disclosure—Informants, Vulnerable Witnesses, Investigative Techniques and Continuing Investigations—Informants—The Supreme Court of Canada held that no "secret" trial occurred during the in camera prosecution of a confidential police informer but it ordered that a redacted trial judgment should be made public that contains no information that could identify the informer: Société Radio-Canada c. Personne désignée, 2024 SCC 21 (S.C.C.), reversing in part Personne désignée c. R., 2022 QCCA 406(C.A. Que.) and Re Personne désignée c. R., 2022 QCCA 984 (C.A. Que.).
- **Remedies for Breach—Appeal—Specific Examples—**The appellant appealed his convictions for kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault and related offences and the finding he was a dangerous offender. The accused asserted the complainant had broken in, that he had called 911 and that there was negligent investigation. It was not unreasonable to insist that the accused testify as to what he said in the 911 call. Regarding trial rulings on Mills' applications seeking records relating to drug use and the like, there was no reason to interfere on appeal: *R. v. Blanchard*, 2024 ABCA 130 (Alta. C.A.), April 17, 2024, Martin, Slatter and Pentelechuck JJ.A.

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