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This manual summarizes the current law on issues arising in criminal practice. The expert commentary integrates the statutory provisions and case law relevant to a particular topic. The commentary is divided into six sections: defences, evidence, substantive offences, procedure, sentencing, and *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. This publication facilitates preparation and is of assistance in the courtroom. Regular releases ensure that the text is current, accurate and reliable.

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New entries introduced with this release include the following:

- **Charter of Rights and Freedoms — Section 7: Right to Life, Liberty and Security of the Person — Specific Principles of Fundamental Justice — Self-Incrimination** — According to Alberta’s Court of Appeal, subsection 320.31(9) of the *Criminal Code*, which provides that a statement compelled under a provincial statute or made to a peace officer is admissible as evidence to establish reasonable grounds to make a demand under ss. 320.27 or 320.28, does not violate the principle against self-incrimination in s. 7 of the Charter: *R. v. Korduner*, 2025 ABCA 30, 2025 CarswellAlta 174 (Alta. C.A.).
- **Charter of Rights and Freedoms — Section 7: Right to Life, Liberty and Security of the Person — Specific Principles of Fundamental Justice — Overbreadth** — The Supreme Court of Canada held ss. 286.3 and 286.2, which regulate, respectively, the procuring and the material benefits aspects of the sale of sexual services, not to violate s. 7 of the Charter after having those provisions not to engage the security of the person of the sex workers: *R. v. Kloubakov*, 2025 SCC 25, 2025 CarswellAlta 1660 (S.C.C.).