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CANADIAN CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES

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This publication is an acclaimed practice manual for Crown counsel, defence counsel, judges and police. The manual brings together in one place essential information about more than 50 commonly charged *Criminal Code* offences. The offences are organized alphabetically into individual, tabbed chapters for immediate access. Each chapter contains the full text of the *Criminal Code* sections and any other statutory provisions that relate to the offence, available defences, the best wording of the charge, the elements to be proved, procedural considerations, up-to-date case law, recent, significant changes in the law, and forms.

This release features updates to the commentary and case law in the following chapters: 4 (Assault and Unlawfully Causing Bodily Harm), 23 (Impaired Operation of A Conveyance), 30 (Murder and Manslaughter), 31 (Obscenity and Child Pornography), 33 (Party Liability) and 39 (Sexual Assault).

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Release Highlights

New cases discussed with this release include the following:

- **Impaired Operation of a Conveyance** – Although the officer had properly refrained from testing the driver’s breath, since the driver had been smoking, and despite the officer’s good intentions to make use of this time by writing and serving a traffic ticket and tending to other matters, the court found the 8½ minutes spent on those tasks to have been 3½ minutes longer than necessary to ensure an accurate screening had been obtained within the time allowed by law: *R. v. Westgard*, 2025 SKCA 53, CarswellSask 192 (Sask. C.A.).
- **Murder and Manslaughter** – According to the Court of Appeal for Yukon, where the evidence establishes a live issue between first-degree murder and second-degree murder, not only must the judge accurately instruct the jury on the legal differences, but also, the judge must identify the evidence which addresses that legal differences: *R. v. Penner*, 2025 YKCA 14, 2025 CarswellYukon 94 (Y.T. C.A.).

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