

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES**

APPENDIX – NON-RETURNABLE WARRANTS

1. **Whereas** non-returnable warrants are a serious concern in B.C. and Alberta. Large numbers of fugitives flee arrest in other provinces because their warrants have a narrow radius of return and the jurisdictions they flee are unlikely to pay for them to be returned; and
2. **Whereas** individuals who flee a province to avoid a warrant, particularly those who are prolific offenders, bring the administration of justice into disrepute and cause damage to communities; and
3. **Whereas** both B.C. and Alberta support the creation of a Federal offence of failing to remain in a jurisdiction when ordered to do so, as agreed at the Justice Ministers' Federal/Provincial/Territorial meeting in August 2008;
4. **Whereas** B.C. and Alberta are considering a variety of measures, such as using existing legislation, and actively returning the offenders who have outstanding warrants to the jurisdictions in which those warrants were issued, in cooperation with other jurisdictions.

Therefore be it resolved that a pilot project be established between B.C. and Alberta that would make use of existing legislation and develop an agreement to act on warrants of serious offenders that are returned to the issuing jurisdiction. It could also use new technology, such as video bail hearings, to expedite aspects of this process.

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