



## **Statement regarding court ruling in the case of illegal dentist Tung Sheng (David) Wu**

**October 15, 2013**

The BC Supreme Court has issued a ruling in the case of Tung Sheng Wu – also known as David Wu.

These proceedings were initiated in April 2013, when a member of the public contacted the College of Dental Surgeons to express concerns about Mr. Wu. Her call put into motion a complex investigation that included surveillance of his house by our private investigators and the discovery of an illegal dental practice run out of a bedroom in a rented house on Southwood Street in Burnaby. The illegal dental office lacked adequate infection control measures, prompting a public health alert to advise Mr. Wu's clients of the need to get tested for blood-borne disease. A subsequent search and seizure of Mr. Wu's vehicle revealed that despite knowledge of a court injunction and that he was acting outside the law, Mr. Wu had filled that vehicle with dental equipment in preparation to set up shop in another jurisdiction.

Since our search and seizure of the illegal dental practice, Mr. Wu has gone into hiding, taking active steps to evade the College and the Court. He is a person without honour or regard for Canadian civil society. He has preyed on the vulnerable and put many persons' health at significant risk.

Reflecting the gravity of this case, the CDSBC asked the Court for a fine and jail time in this case – the strongest penalty available to us under the legislation and the common law. Today the Court issued a finding of contempt against Mr. Wu and sentenced him to three months in jail. The sentence of jail time indicates the seriousness of Mr. Wu's actions.

The Court also awarded special costs to CDSBC in recognition of the fact that the investigation was carried out by CDSBC and not at taxpayers' expense. As has been reported, the costs associated with investigating and prosecuting this matter have been significant.

Mr. Wu's case illustrates the need to ensure that your healthcare practitioner is registered or licensed, qualified, and accountable. You can check the registration status of your dentist by checking the online Directory of Dentists at [cdsbc.org](http://cdsbc.org).



We are starting to hear about clients of Mr. Wu's who have orthodontics and need treatment. We strongly encourage them to see a qualified, registered dentist to have those orthodontics assessed, adjusted, or taken out.

This case will not truly be closed until Mr. Wu is found. If you have any information about his whereabouts, please call our investigators in confidence at 604-209-1708.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Marburg', with a large loop at the end.

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