



## **Reaction from CDSBC to arrest of illegal dentist Tung Sheng (David) Wu**

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This weekend the College of Dental Surgeons of BC learned that Tung Sheng Wu turned himself into police in Toronto, one month after he was sentenced to three months in jail for contempt of court. Mr. Wu went into hiding this summer, shortly after CDSBC investigators seized evidence of dental material and equipment from both his residence and his vehicle indicating that he has continued to practise dentistry illegally, despite a court order prohibiting him to do so. Mr. Wu has been absent throughout the lengthy legal process.

The latest step in the legal case against Mr. Wu took place today, when CDSBC's lawyers obtained an order from Associate Chief Justice Austin Cullen that Mr. Wu be brought back to BC. We anticipate that BC sheriffs will soon be headed to Ontario to collect Mr. Wu so he can appear in front of the judge to answer for his contempt and to serve his sentence.

At this point, Mr. Wu is under the jurisdiction of the court. CDSBC has done all that it can at law to stop Mr. Wu. However, if we learn that he continues to practise contrary to the court orders, we will take action to protect the public.

While the unusual facts of this particular case have captured the public interest, we cannot lose sight of the fact that this is a public safety issue above all. Dentists registered with the College of Dental Surgeons are required to put the health and safety of their patients above all other considerations. People like Mr. Wu are in business for personal gain only, purely for profit, and put their patients' health at risk. They are neither qualified to practise, nor do they implement the infection control and other safety measures required to protect their patients.

We renew our call for anyone who has seen an illegal dentist to visit a doctor so they can be tested for Hepatitis B and C virus and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). There is no charge to be tested and you should not wait to be contacted by a public health official.



To check the status of a dentist, you can look them up on the CDSBC Directory of Dentists at [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org).

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