

## Publication bans (s.486.6 (1))

### Trends in charges

From 2016/2017 to 2020/2021, 10 charges were completed in adult criminal courts for failing to comply with an order related to a publication ban for victims or witnesses under section 486.6 (1) of the *Criminal Code* (Table 1). Most charges (six) were stayed or withdrawn, three were found guilty during this five-year timeframe and one was acquitted.

**Table 1**

**Number of charges completed in adult criminal courts for the offence of failing to comply with a publication ban under s.486.6 (1), Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 486.6, 486.6 (1))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
<i>Number of charges (Percentage of total decisions)</i>					
2016/2017	0	0	0	0	0
2017/2018	4	1 (25%)	0	3 (75%)	0
2018/2019	1	0	0	1 (100%)	0
2019/2020	3	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)	0
2020/2021	2	0	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0
<b>Total years</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3 (30%)</b>	<b>1 (10%)</b>	<b>6 (60%)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.

### Trends in cases

In Canada, seven cases were completed in adult criminal courts where the Most Serious Offence (MSO) was failing to comply with an order related to a publication ban under section 486.6 (1) of the *Criminal Code*, between 2016/2017 and 2020/2021 (Table 2). Three cases were stayed or withdrawn, three were found guilty and one was acquitted.

**Table 2**

**Number of cases completed in adult criminal courts where the offence of failing to comply with a publication ban under s.486.6 (1) was the MSO in the case, Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 486.6, 486.6 (1))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
<i>Number of cases (Percentage of total decisions)</i>					
2016/2017	0	0	0	0	0
2017/2018	1	1 (100%)	0	0	0
2018/2019	1	0	0	1 (100%)	0
2019/2020	3	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)	0
2020/2021	2	0	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0
<b>Total years</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3 (43%)</b>	<b>1 (14%)</b>	<b>3 (43%)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.

## Breach of a SOIRA order (s.490.031)

### Trends in charges

From 2016/2017 to 2020/2021, 2,579 charges were completed in adult criminal courts for a breach of an order under the *Sex Offender Information Registration Act* (SOIRA) under section 490.031 of the *Criminal Code* (Table 3). Nearly two-thirds of the charges (1,677) resulted in a guilty verdict while one-third of charges (881) were stayed or withdrawn.

**Table 3**

**Number of charges completed in adult criminal courts for a breach of a SOIRA order under s.490.031, Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 490.031, 490.031 (a), 490.031 (b), 490.031 (1), 490.031 (1) (a), and 490.031 (1) (b))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
	<i>Number of charges (Percentage of total decisions)</i>				
2016/2017	491	319 (65%)	5 (1%)	165 (34%)	2 (0%)
2017/2018	559	388 (69%)	1 (0%)	169 (30%)	1 (0%)
2018/2019	573	378 (66%)	0	195 (34%)	0
2019/2020	573	374 (65%)	2 (0%)	192 (34%)	5 (1%)
2020/2021	383	218 (57%)	4 (1%)	160 (42%)	1 (0%)
<b>Total years</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>1,677 (65%)</b>	<b>12 (0%)</b>	<b>881 (34%)</b>	<b>9 (0%)</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.

### Trends in cases

In Canada, a total of 1,872 cases were completed in adult criminal courts between 2016/2017 and 2020/2021 where the Most Serious Offence (MSO) was a breach of a SOIRA order under section 490.031 of the *Criminal Code* (Table 4). The majority of cases resulted in a guilty verdict (1,449) while 409 cases were stayed or withdrawn, nine were acquitted and 5 counted as 'other decisions'.

**Table 4**

**Number of cases completed in adult criminal courts where a breach of a SOIRA order under s.490.031 was the MSO in the case, Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 490.031, 490.031 (a), 490.031 (b), 490.031 (1), 490.031 (1) (a), and 490.031 (1) (b))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
	<i>Number of cases (Percentage of total decisions)</i>				
2016/2017	359	282 (79%)	3 (1%)	73 (20%)	1 (0%)
2017/2018	404	333 (82%)	1 (0%)	69 (17%)	1 (0%)
2018/2019	424	333 (79%)	0	91 (21%)	0
2019/2020	421	322 (76%)	2 (0%)	94 (22%)	3 (1%)
2020/2021	264	179 (68%)	3 (1%)	82 (31%)	0
<b>Total years</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>1,449 (77%)</b>	<b>9 (0%)</b>	<b>409 (22%)</b>	<b>5 (0%)</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.

## Providing false or misleading information to the Registry (s.490.0311)

### Trends in charges

From 2016/2017 to 2020/2021, 12 charges were completed in adult criminal courts for providing false or misleading information to the Registry (SOIRA) under section 490.0311 of the *Criminal Code* (Table 5). Four charges resulted in a guilty verdict while eight charges were stayed or withdrawn.

**Table 5**

**Number of charges completed in adult criminal courts for providing false or misleading information to the Registry under s.490.0311, Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 490.0311, 490.0311 (a), 490.0311 (b))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
	<i>Number of charges (Percentage of total decisions)</i>				
2016/2017	3	1 (33%)	0	2 (67%)	0
2017/2018	1	0	0	1 (100%)	0
2018/2019	5	2 (40%)	0	3 (60%)	0
2019/2020	3	1 (33%)	0	2 (67%)	0
2020/2021	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total years</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4 (33%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8 (67%)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.

### Trends in cases

In Canada, a total of 5 cases were completed in adult criminal courts between 2016/2017 and 2020/2021 where the MSO was providing false or misleading information to the Registry (SOIRA) under section 490.0311 of the *Criminal Code* (Table 6). Three cases resulted in a guilty verdict while two cases were stayed or withdrawn.

**Table 6**

**Number of cases completed in adult criminal courts where providing false or misleading information to the Registry under s.490.0311 was the MSO in the case, Canada, 2016/2017 to 2020/2021**

(Sections included: 490.0311, 490.0311 (a), 490.0311 (b))

Years	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stayed/Withdrawn	Other decisions
	<i>Number of cases (Percentage of total decisions)</i>				
2016/2017	1	1 (100%)	0	0	0
2017/2018	0	0	0	0	0
2018/2019	3	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)	0
2019/2020	1	0	0	1 (100%)	0
2020/2021	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total years</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3 (60%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 (40%)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Adult Criminal Court Survey.