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Bread investigation documents highlight importance of protecting innocent person

Court acts to ensure innocent person not damaged by false accusations and innuendo

Following the Court's decision on May 30, 2018 to protect the identity of an innocent person in the investigation of Canada's bread industry, the Court today authorized the release of the few remaining parts of the search warrant.

Scott Fenton, the Toronto lawyer who made the successful innocent person application, made the following statement on the release of the documents:

"The combination of the judge's decision and the release of more information today makes three things clear:

- 1. As the Court said, "by any definition" our client is an innocent person and has a "career and reputation spanning decades, both professional and personal, that all parties agree can be described as stellar."
- 2. There is no evidence whatsoever against our client. In fact, the testimony of the source who received immunity, in return for implicating others, is highly suspect. As the Court held, the allegations are "based on one person's remembrance of one conversation" alleged to have occurred over a decade ago. At the highest, the source claims to have had a "feeling" that Weston should raise prices not that there was an offer or agreement to do anything, and certainly not to fix prices on bread. This is a shoddy warrant built on false allegations, assumptions, inferences and innuendo that would rightly be inadmissible in any court.
- 3. Our client had no incentive to engage in price fixing, did not do so and never would. As the investigation continues, our client hopes the truth comes to light and justice will be served."

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