

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Matthew Parkinson (CPSO # 86268)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

In December 2023, the Respondent informed the College that he was charged with nine criminal offences, including careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition.

On December 19, 2024, the Respondent pled guilty to careless storage of a firearm and was given a conditional discharge with 12 months probation. The remaining eight counts were withdrawn. In connection with his guilty plea, the Respondent is subject to a weapons prohibition under section 110 of the Criminal Code and was required to pay a standard victim surcharge. The Respondent further consented to the forfeiture of his seized firearms.

Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a review of the Respondent's practice.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of October 29, 2025. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned in respect of careless storage of a firearm and his obligation as a physician to follow the law.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

The Committee had serious concerns about the Respondent's criminal conduct underlying the College's investigation.

Physician behaviour outside of a professional context may be considered unprofessional where it may bring the profession into disrepute or raises concerns about a physician's competence, integrity, and/or suitability to practise.

In this case, the firearms offence to which the Respondent pled guilty was clearly and profoundly unprofessional and reflected poorly on the medical profession as a whole.

In the Committee's opinion, a caution is an appropriate outcome and a forum for the Committee to convey its concerns regarding the Respondent's conduct which led to the criminal charges and the College's expectations regarding professional behaviour.