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New regulations fight organized crime Another step toward safer communities: Kramp

Belleville, ON - Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings welcomed this week's announcement by the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding the enactment of new regulations to strengthen the ability of law enforcement to fight organized crime.

"These new regulations will give police and prosecutors the tools they need to put a stop to organized crime", said Mr. Kramp.

Criminal gangs depend heavily on the revenue they receive from certain crimes, such as large-scale illegal gambling, prostitution rings and certain drug-related crimes, to fund their vast and violent criminal operations. New regulations would target crimes typically associated with organized criminal gangs and make them "serious offences" under the Criminal Code. Supported by all provincial and territorial justice ministers, this new action will give police and prosecutors stronger tools to target organized crime activity, and help keep more dangerous criminals behind bars.

"Our government is serious about protecting Canadians from the threat of organized crime", said Mr. Kramp. "We are serious about keeping our communities safe."

The Government has taken definitive legislative action to fight organized crime including:

- making all murders committed in connection with organized crime first-degree murders;
- creating a new offence to target drive-by and other reckless shootings;
- strengthening the gang peace bond provisions;
- creating new offences to target identity theft;
- toughening bail provisions and penalties for crimes that are committed with guns and are linked to organized crime;
- eliminating the availability of conditional sentences for persons convicted of certain criminal organization offences;
- proposing mandatory penalties for organized drug crimes; and,
- proposing new offences to target auto theft and the trafficking of property obtained by crime.