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CHUDLEIGH CALLS FOR MCGUINTY TO EXPLAIN FANTINO MATTER

(Queen's Park) – Today Ted Chudleigh, MPP (Halton) and PC Critic to the Attorney General, questioning how the Crown handled the charge against OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and noting the failure of the Attorney General to assign an independent Crown Attorney, called on Dalton McGuinty to explain to Ontarians why the charge against Fantino was withdrawn.

Chudleigh would not comment on the allegations against Fantino; however, he noted, "The PC Party called on the Attorney General to assign a Crown Attorney from outside the Province to this case. This would have been consistent with the Attorney General's decision with Michael Bryant's file. It would have helped to ensure public trust in our justice system."

With allegations concerning a conflict of interest within the Ministry of the Attorney General and in light of the Crown's handling of this matter public confidence in, and respect for, our justice system has been threatened.

"Eyebrows are being raised as a result of the Crown's handling of this matter. The law must be applied equally to all and it must be applied in a fair and transparent manner. The Attorney General's failure to assign an independent Crown Attorney to this file has threatened these fundamental principles of justice," added Chudleigh.

"Dalton McGuinty and the Attorney General owe the people of Ontario an explanation. The rumour mill must be put to a stop and confidence in our justice system reinforced."

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