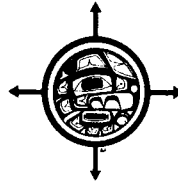


OUR LAND IS OUR FUTURE

UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CHIEFS

FOUNDING HEAD OFFICE
345 Yellowhead Highway
Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1H1
Tel: (250) 828-9746
Fax: (250) 828-0319



VANCOUVER OFFICE
5th Floor, 342 Water Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1B6
Tel: (604) 684-0231
Fax: (604) 684-5726
Email: ubcic@ubcic.bc.ca
Website: www.ubcic.bc.ca

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 31, 2004**

Predator Judge Deserves No Mercy

(Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, May 31, 2004) "The Union of BC Indian Chiefs demands that the most severe sentence possible be applied to David William Ramsey, former provincial judge, who ruthlessly preyed on young and vulnerable girls of our First Nation communities" stated today by Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

"I find it to be the most disgusting and abhorrent conduct of any individual, let alone a sitting judge, preying on children. Ramsey is undeniably a violent person who viewed Aboriginal girls and young women as individuals to be abused and discarded with impunity.

"What I find most horrifying is that his victims, at a later date, had to appear before him in a court of law. Ramsey knew of their vulnerabilities and his assumption that he himself was 'untouchable.' I am at a loss of words to express how courageous these young women are to come forward and pursue charges against Ramsey.

"It is my sincere hope that Ramsey receives a harsh sentence, much more than five years, for the irreparable harm and damage he has caused. He is an absolute monster that deserves no mercy" stated Chief Phillip.

"Furthermore, the UBCIC fully supports the call of the Native Women's Association of Canada, that a full public inquiry into the administration of justice as it affects aboriginal women who have experienced sexual assault be called immediately. A full airing of the facts of how justice is administered in BC is needed now" concluded Chief Phillip.

- 30 -

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chief Stewart Phillip
President**

Cell: (250) 490-5314