

Diving Plongeon Canada statement in reaction to arrest of Trevor Palmatier

May 9, 2013

We are deeply concerned by the news that Trevor Palmatier, a coach with the Big Dog Diving Club in Edmonton, has been arrested by police and charged with three criminal offences.

Edmonton Police Service news release:

<http://bit.ly/15PA6Et>

Saanich, BC Police Service news release:

<http://bit.ly/16knNQ7>

Clearly, this is very unsettling news for the diving community and we understand that many members will be very upset.

The charges, which have yet to be proven in court, remind us of the paramount importance of ensuring the well-being of our athletes. Nothing is more important and we take very seriously the responsibility of their safety and protection while in our care.

Given that the case is now before the courts, it would be entirely inappropriate for Diving Plongeon Canada to comment further on the specifics.

However, we can confirm that Mr. Palmatier has been suspended from all diving-related activities since early March when a former athlete brought forward a complaint.

Guided by Diving Canada's internal policies and advice from legal counsel, a Discipline Committee was appointed the day after the complaint was filed. The Committee held a conference call that same day and issued the interim suspension, pending a full review.

As of today, the Discipline Committee has suspended the discipline process pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings. The Committee has also determined that Mr. Palmatier's suspension will remain in force.

Diving Plongeon Canada will continue to monitor the situation very closely

and provide whatever support we can to members of our diving family. We have encouraged our members to contact police should they have information they feel may be relevant.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or call either of us.

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