

## Diving Plongeon Canada statement in reaction to arrest of Trevor Palmatier

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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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### **Riley McCormick's Statement in reaction to the arrest of Trevor Palmatier**

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"I have been approached and asked to comment on the unfortunate events currently reported by the media with respect to my former diving coach Trevor Palmatier. [ As most of you know, diving has been an amazing and seminal part of my life since I was four years old, culminating in my competing for Canada in the finals at the Olympics in 2012 and so] I'm personally deeply saddened and profoundly affected by the reports I have read [and trust that none of this will reflect on Dive Canada or diving]. I can say that this sadness and sense of loss is mercifully tempered by my absolute faith Canada's justice system. As I am not involved in this matter, to comment beyond this specifically at this time would be pre-mature. I will comment generally, as a beneficiary of sport and a huge believer in its transformative power, that there is no room for the abuse of power or authority in any aspect of our lives and this is especially true for the youth of our society and their families who turn to sport and are particularly vulnerable due to their tender years and the overwhelming power of their dreams. I feel for all victims of abuse and I trust that in each case justice will mete out appropriate punishment and rehabilitation and pray each victim will not let these events define them in any way but they will define themselves in sport and beyond with great success. And I ask that each of us celebrate and welcome every individual who has the courage to speak out about abuse and pursue justice."