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A Case For The 3 Strike Law: Meet Tracy Lloyd Caza

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Was there an ultimate failure in our BC court system or was this the fair and reasonable release of a misunderstood man targeted by the media? A notorious thief, well known to the Vancouver Police Force, Tracy Lloyd Caza, was recently convicted

of his one hundredth crime with charges dating back over 20 years. These charges include assault causing bodily harm, assault, robbery, uttering threats, fraud, theft, break-and-enter, escape of lawful custody and possession of stolen property. Caza

was most recently arrested in January for assault causing bodily harm, sexual assault, and uttering threats. He pled guilty to possession of cocaine and to the assault charge concerning a woman he was in a relationship with at the time. Caza had hit the woman

in the mouth with so much force that her teeth became implanted in her cheek. Due to a lack of evidence, several of the charges were dropped including sexual assault. Caza's lawyer, Kevin McCullough, claims that Vancouver's media has unfairly targeted his client and that it "isn't fair" considering that there are numerous criminals with much worse records, but not quite as interesting as a man being charged for his 100th offence.

Caza is probably best known for stealing rings from a 91-year-old woman's fingers while she was in hospital recovering from a leg amputation. This is a despicable crime and he has often taken advantage of our province's elderly. Caza has become known for committing thefts and fraud by befriending and targeting elderly victims residing in residential care homes, hospital facilities, and private residences.

The fact that the VPD have issued three public warnings about Caza in the past 12 months and believe that he is at high-risk to re-offend would most likely constitute in anyone's mind that this man should be permanently behind

an instant sentencing of life in prison); the Crown should take a different approach.

The Crown Council awarded Caza time and a half for his time spent in segregation leading up to his sentencing therefore deteriorating his 6 month sentence into a breezy walk out of the prison's apparently flexible and "forgiving" gates. The fact that Caza's offenses are so extensive, and some are even violent crimes, only adds to the confusion that surrounds the B.C law system. How can a man that has been riding the coattails of the law, tying up court time and blowing tax dollars for 20 plus years continue to avoid his necessary punishment? This man is obviously a threat to society and his release is an abysmal breakdown of the Crown Council's systems. What will it take for the Crown Council to realize the mistake they've

made? When one of Cazo's assaults turns into a murder? Try explaining Cazo's continued slaps on the wrists despite obvious risk to re-offend to that person's family. Good luck with that.

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