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BCSC alleges that Vancouver resident failed to comply with summons

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Vancouver – The BC Securities Commission (BCSC) <u>is alleging</u> that a Vancouver resident failed to attend an interview as required by B.C.'s *Securities Act*.

In June 2024, the BCSC issued a summons to William Gareth Birdsall requiring him to give evidence under oath at an interview. The BCSC served the summons by mail, email and by posting it on the front door of his residential building.

Birdsall did not appear for his scheduled interview at the BCSC's offices despite the date being rescheduled twice.

The BCSC's allegations have not been proven. The Commission requires Birdsall or his counsel to appear at the BCSC's offices on January 14, 2025 if he wants to be heard before a hearing is scheduled.

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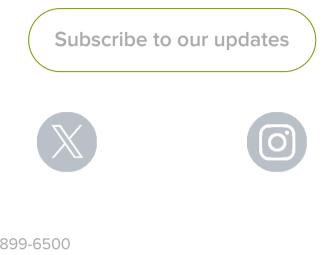
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