



F09-12-MS Workers' Compensation Claimant Seeks Identity of Confidential Informant

A WorkSafe BC (formerly Workers' Compensation Board) claimant demanded to know who had provided information about him that, he assumed, led WorkSafe BC to reject his claim as being fraudulent. He asked us to review WorkSafe's decision to withhold the informant's identity on the grounds of confidentiality.

We concluded that WorkSafe BC had properly applied sections 15(1)(d), 22(2)(f) and 22(3)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Decisions by public bodies to withhold information about sources of confidential information related to law enforcement are often justified, and this was no exception. However, during the mediation WorkSafe BC agreed that it could summarize for the claimant some of the information provided by the confidential source. The claimant agreed to this resolution. Although he would never know the identity of the confidential informant, at least he would know more about the allegations made about him.