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ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INTERVENES IN MOTORCYCLE HELMET CASE INVOLVING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

Toronto – The Commission will appear as an intervener at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on February 14 and 15, 2008, in the case of *R. v. Badesha*.

Mr. Badesha, a devout Sikh who, in observance of his faith, wears a turban, was charged with operating a motorcycle on a highway without wearing a helmet contrary to the *Highway Traffic Act*. Mr. Badesha is seeking to be excused from this requirement for religious reasons.

The Commission is intervening as the case involves the interpretation and application of Ontario's *Human Rights Code* and will be taking a position in support of Mr. Badesha's request for religious accommodation.

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