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## Maria Ezzati sentenced in contempt of court case for illegally injecting people with Botox and dermal fillers

VANCOUVER, BC: On January 29, 2021, Ms. Maria Ezzati was sentenced in the Supreme Court of BC to six months in prison for contempt of court. Ms. Ezzati had admitted in August 2020 of being in contempt of court by injecting people with botulinum toxin (Botox) and dermal fillers. Ms. Ezzati was also ordered to pay the College's special costs and a \$15,000 fine. A portion of the fine will be paid to the College to reimburse people who received an injection from Ms. Ezzati.

Ms. Ezzati must also pay an outstanding fine of \$5,000 and 50% of the College's special costs related to her original contempt case. Ms. Ezzati is not a registered or licensed health professional and was in violation of an injunction prohibiting her from providing any service that may only be provided by a registrant of the College.

The College previously hired undercover private investigators who attended a "Botox and filler party" at a private residence in Vancouver, where Ms. Ezzati was administering cosmetic medical injectables to attendees, and receiving cash in payment. The College discovered in February 2020 that Ms. Ezzati was in possession of

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