# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

#### FINAL EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2020

LAW 221.002 Criminal Law

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EXAM PASSWORD: UKyBdA RESUME CODE: ABB0BC

**TOTAL MARKS**: 100

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In the spring of 2020, it was revealed that local government politicians across Canada were using various emergency powers to grant contracts to companies which had donated money to their political campaigns. Because the contracts were being granted under local emergency powers, there were no rules for the contracts, and local government politicians continued to give contracts to campaign contributors despite large public protests. These protests, which took the form of marches and rallies, started becoming violent with persons being injured and property damaged at many of the protests. The police tried many different approaches to try and limit the violence at the protests, but these were all unsuccessful. The federal government also tried many initiatives to deal with these violent protests, including negotiating with protest organizers to find ways to prevent the violence and trying to convince local politicians to stop awarding these contracts to campaign contributors. However, none of these measures were able to stop violent acts from occurring at many of the protests, and the federal government could also not introduce legislation prohibiting the granting of these contracts because this area was fully under the jurisdiction and control of local governments. The federal government then passed the following new section to the *Criminal Code*, which became law on July 1, 2020 and stated as follows:

It is an offence to participate in a protest regarding the awarding of local government contracts. The penalty for this offence is a fine or a jail sentence of up to two years.

On July 15, 2020, Alan Accused was driving into downtown Vancouver, B.C. with his friend Jake Jar. Jar asked Accused if he could drop him off at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Jar told Accused that he wanted to visit the Gallery gift shop and said he might also go and help out at the rally against the local government contracts being held outside the Art Gallery. Accused told Jar that he should stay away from the rally, and drove Jar to the Art Gallery but dropped him off at an entrance to the Art Gallery which was the farthest away from the rally. After visiting the gift shop, Jar attended the rally outside the Art Gallery and Jar distributed leaflets condemning the contracts.

After dropping off Jar, Accused parked his car and did some shopping. Accused heard some screaming and shouting a few blocks from the Art Gallery, and went to see what was going on. Accused made his way into a group of people and saw that they had surrounded a local politician and they were yelling at her that they were furious that local governments were doing nothing to stop these controversial emergency contracts. After a few minutes, the shouting died down and the group started having a discussion with the local politician about the issue. After an hour of these discussions, which included some comments by Accused, the politician said that she was now convinced that these emergency contracts should be subject to new rules. Accused and all the other persons in the area applauded and Accused then left the area.

Alan Accused has been charged with violating this new offence. Please provide an opinion concerning whether Alan Accused will likely be found guilty. In your opinion, please include a discussion of all essential elements of the offence. (100 MARKS)