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Plea Bargaining - An essential part of the Canadian criminal justice system.

Though some may take a dim view of plea bargaining, in fact, a plea bargain properly negotiated between the defence counsel and the prosecutor achieves all of the objectives of our criminal justice system- the acknowledgement by an accused of responsibility for the crime actually committed and the imposition of the appropriate punishment to fit the crime.

Recently the Supreme Court of Canada reaffirmed the plea bargain process as a legitimate and necessary process in the Canadian criminal justice system and fine-tuned the relative roles and responsibilities of the defence attorney, prosecutor and judge in the plea bargain process.

This recent cases is cited as: R.V. Anthony-Cook 2016 SCC 43, and makes for very interesting reading for anybody interested in the plea bargain process.