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## Justice system 'in crisis' for Ontario's First Nations



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**TORONTO - Ontario's First Nations face a justice and jury system in a state of crisis that requires urgent action, former Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci reported Tuesday.**

In a strong indictment of the current setup, Iacobucci warned the issue threatens relations between aboriginals and non-aboriginals.

"There is not only the problem of a lack of representation of First Nations peoples on juries that is of serious proportion," his report states.

"It is also regrettably the fact that the justice

system generally as applied to First Nations peoples, particularly in the north, is quite frankly in a crisis."

In August 2011, the Ontario government asked the former justice to investigate after inquests and criminal trials ground to a halt over the lack of on-reserve aboriginals on juries.

In his research, Iacobucci said he found a state of conflict between the justice system and the ideologies and approach of First Nations peoples.

Aboriginals experience "systemic discrimination" when it comes to criminal justice or



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child services and the courts, he said.

The jurist acknowledged his mandate did not extend to delving into the larger justice system or aboriginal socio-economic conditions, but said it would be folly to ignore the backdrop.

While aboriginals are over-represented in prisons, their under-representation on juries extends to every facet of the justice system that has alienated First Nations, he said.

“Access to justice, the administration of justice, the availability and quality of legal services, the treatment of First Nations peoples in the justice system all are wanting in northern Ontario,” Iacobucci said in Thunder Bay, Ont.

In all, Iacobucci’s report makes 17 recommendations he says are aimed at ensuring the cultural values, traditional laws and ideologies of First Nations are better reflected in the justice system.

They include:

- Setting up a group to advise the attorney general on First Nations and justice issues;
- Giving cultural training to officials in the justice system in contact with aboriginals;
- Looking at using existing databases, such as health records, for finding on-reserve residents for jury rolls;
- Allowing reserve residents to volunteer for jury duty.

Iacobucci called his recommendations straightforward and inexpensive to implement.

“Doing nothing will be a profound shame especially when there has been a greater recognition throughout Canada of the tragic history of aboriginal people.”

Iacobucci said First Nations want more control of community justice issues, and want to be involved in improving their representation on juries.

Ontario Attorney General John Gerretsen said the government planned to act quickly.

“We will form an implementation committee that includes representatives from the

First Nations community and from various government ministries,” Gerretsen said.

He also said he would set up the recommended advisory group.

First Nations leaders called the report an important first step in dealing with a long festering issue.

“Justice Iacobucci has told the truth about how the justice system treats First Nations people,” said Alvin Fiddler, deputy grand chief of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

“He has called on the Ontario government to move urgently, and we agree with this assessment.”

Among other things, Iacobucci’s report finds on-reserve residents make up one-third of people in the district of Kenora, but typically comprise under 10 per cent of the jury roll.

Similarly, on-reserve residents account for about five per cent of the population in the Thunder Bay area but make up only 1.3 per cent of jury roll.

Many aboriginals are “plainly reluctant” to participate in juries because of larger conflicts with the justice system, Iacobucci said.

Even the wording of the jury questionnaire, he noted, is seen by First Nations as coercive and threatening.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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**VICTORIA - B.C.’s justice minister says new legislation will allow people to report so-called crack shacks and other problem properties in their neighbourhood to a new agency rather than police.**

Shirley Bond says the yet-to-be named agency will be created as part of the Community Safety Act, which she will introduce today.

She says the agency will contact the property owner and residents about local complaints including party houses, drugs and prostitution.

Bond says charges could result if the issues are not resolved.

Abbotsford Police Chief Bob Rich says problem locations can impact an entire neighbourhood.

Bond says she’s also introducing legislation to make it easier for volunteer agencies that work with vulnerable children and adults to conduct criminal record checks on their volunteers.

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**OTTAWA - A senior U.S. military commander says cyber attacks on private businesses are growing in size and frequency - so much so that Western governments may have to step in and defend them.**

Gen. Keith Alexander, the head of U.S. Cyber Command, says so-called “denial of service” attacks and the theft of corporate secrets

have exploded since 2008.

The U.S. government is considering more aggressive action, such as trade sanctions, in response to a relentless hacking campaign that is apparently linked to the Chinese government.

But the former head of the ultra-secret Canadian Communications Security Establishment, the electronic eavesdropping arm of National Defence, says there is a lot of misunderstanding about threats in today’s wired world.

John Adams, who is also a retired Canadian general, says the world is a long way from cyber warfare because it’s very difficult to “weaponize” software code.

Adams says it’s also very difficult to pin cyber assaults on individual countries or institutions.

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**The RCMP is buying a small helicopter drone outfitted with a camera to deal with emergency response situations.**

The government issued a notice Thursday that it intends to award the contract for the system to AeroVironment Incorporated in California.

The RCMP will buy one of AeroVironment’s QUBE drones but there is an option to purchase two more at a later date. The small remote-control aircraft is battery powered and can stay aloft for 40 minutes.

The total contract is estimated at \$257,500, which includes the cost of all three drones.

“The entire system will fit in the trunk of a standard RCMP police cruiser, offering “grab-and-go” efficiency during critical incident response,” Public Works noted on the government’s contract award website.

The system will be delivered by March 31.

The aircraft will carry a digital camera and a heat-sensing device. The drone will be capable of “enhancing the RCMP’s ability to locate and respond to emergency situations,” according to Public Works.

AeroVironment points out that QUBE can be assembled and ready for flight in less than five minutes.

(Ottawa Citizen)

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2013

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**OTTAWA - The Supreme Court of Canada has chided Quebec’s provincial police force for failing to clarify the status of an informant involved with biker gangs.**

But the high court was split over whether or not the individual was indeed a police informant - and thus entitled to have his or her identity protected - and opted to send the matter back to a lower court for reconsideration.

An individual identified only as B approached an unidentified police force to give

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information about violent crime, which he or she had been involved in.

The police force promised confidentiality before transferring B to the Surete du Quebec.

B repeatedly asked the Surete du Quebec to clarify his or her status as an informant, but never received a clear answer.

The Supreme Court ruling says the Surete du Quebec's failure to clarify B's status - or to tell B he or she was not a confidential informant - could reasonably lead B to believe his or her identity would be protected.

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### **SUDBURY - Police in Sudbury, Ont., wanted the phone to ring on a new hotline to report bad driving by older people, but now officers are dealing with calls from angry seniors.**

The tip line stems from a safe-driving task force launched at the end of January by the Greater Sudbury Police, the OPP and other community groups, and was set up for people to call and anonymously report sightings of senior citizens who appear to be driving dangerously. A plainclothes police officer would then be sent to the home of a senior driver reported on the tip line to talk about any issues and offer help.

Police said it's part of an effort to encourage proactive discussion with seniors about when it may be appropriate for the elderly to stop driving.

But for Sudbury seniors like Darleene McCormack, having a police officer show up at her front door is anything but proactive.

"So it would be a fear factor of, 'What happened? Why is the policeman here?' And then, when the policeman says it's about my driving, I would probably be very shocked," she said.

McCormack, 67, said she's appalled the task force is focusing on just older people.

But Greater Sudbury police Chief Frank Elsner said that was never the intent, and the initiative was meant to give families a much-needed tool to have the unsafe driving talk with their loved ones.

"The vast majority of complaints we get, not through the tip lines, but just directly to us, are from family members that do not want to have that very difficult conversation with their mother or father," he said.

"So we get the call and then we're the bad guy."

Elsner said he's sorry the messaging for the campaign offended some seniors.

"Our hearts were in the right place, it had nothing to do with targeting anybody, any specific segment of our population," he said, noting that police home visits are not enough for an officer to take away a person's licence.

"We would have a better and more thoughtful approach to dealing with those individuals, and not from an enforcement policing perspective. And unfortunately, the way that the message got rolled out, it was the exact opposite. And for that, I'm very sorry."

(CBC News)

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### **HALIFAX - A Nova Scotia agency that investigates police conduct says no charges are warranted against a Halifax police booking officer after an inmate was found unconscious in a jail cell last year.**

But the Serious Incident Response Team is asking the police force to consider whether the special constable breached policy for when and how he conducted cell checks.

The agency released its report today on the June 13 incident, during which a man was taken to a holding cell after a convenience store robbery.

The report says the man was found lying almost motionless for seven hours after taking drugs and the officer's checks were, at best, "brief glances."

It says the failure to wake or move the inmate may have contributed to his deteriorating medical condition.

The agency says checks are required every 15 minutes and the physical and mental condition of inmates must be logged.

The man was taken from the holding cell to hospital, where he remained in a coma for five days.

He later pleaded guilty to robbery and wearing a mask and was sentenced to four years in jail.

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### **SASKATOON - The father of a convicted Mountie killer has been ordered to pay \$10,000 to an RCMP officer for defaming him.**

A Saskatoon judge has also barred Arthur Dagenais from making any more complaints against the officer.

Dagenais had accused Cst. Kenneth Palen of trying to kill him with a Taser during a vehicle inspection in October 2007.

Palen filed a lawsuit after Dagenais made the accusations on four separate occasions to RCMP detachments as well as to the Commission for Public Complaints.

Dagenais's son, Curtis, is serving life in prison for killing two RCMP officers during a pursuit near Spiritwood, Sask., in 2006.

Palen testified at the murder trial as an evidence expert.

Queen's Bench Justice Neil Gabrielson said in his ruling that he agreed with Palen's statement of claim that said Arthur Dagenais's allegations were untrue.

"I have ... reviewed the video of the inspection and I am satisfied that nothing is shown which indicates that a Taser took place," Gabrielson said.

The judge said it was clear that Dagenais fell down, but it looked more like he had tripped "rather than any action on the part of Palen who was not even close to Dagenais at the time."

Palen had been seeking \$300,000 in damages, but Gabrielson said there was no evidence to support that Dagenais's allegations did extensive damage to the Mountie's reputation.

(CKBI)

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### **TORONTO - The head of the union for Toronto police officers is calling for the head of the province's police watchdog to step down.**

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack issued a news release today making what he calls two "disturbing allegations" against the director of the Special Investigations Unit.

McCormack says Ian Scott told SIU officers not to arrest a man who was a complainant in an SIU case even though he had outstanding warrants for domestic assault.

McCormack also says the SIU alleged that a man was injured with a fracture in an "encounter" with a Toronto police officer, but a judge who later acquitted the officer found there was no fracture.

The union boss calls the allegations "shocking" and says Scott should resign until an independent inquiry can look at the allegations.

Scott - who has previously been involved with a public spat with the Toronto Police Service - says in the first case his officers told the man to speak to a lawyer and he turned himself in, and in the second case medical evidence did in fact show a fracture.

"Mr. McCormack is entitled to his opinion about my leadership of the unit," Scott said in his press release.

"Frankly, I would have been more surprised if he issued a news release saying he was happy with the way the unit is currently functioning."

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### **MONTREAL - Mayor Michael Applebaum says he has been threatened with an ultimatum by the head of the Montreal police union to stop a plan to change officers' work hours.**



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Applebaum says union president Yves Francoeur suggested he would have problems if he didn't stop a plan to end the current three-day work week for cops.

Francoeur denies the allegations.

Applebaum says Francoeur made the threat in an email and a phone conversation, giving the mayor a deadline to get involved.

The mayor says he interpreted the warning as a threat to his reputation and his integrity and insists he won't be swayed.

Under an experiment, Montreal police are working a three-day week but that is due to change in March.

Francoeur says he would never make threats and that he deals regularly with government officials.

He says Applebaum is trying to deflect attention from a raid on city hall this week by the province's anti-corruption squad on Tuesday.

Applebaum met with detectives but says he is not personally under investigation.

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### **CALGARY - The Alberta government wants help from the public to come up with ideas to curb the number of illegal marijuana grow ops in the coming months.**

Justice Minister Jonathan Denis is asking a panel to gather input on how to address health and safety concerns and tackle criminal activity for the illegal operations.

He says grow ops are becoming a chronic presence throughout the province.

## **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2013**

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### **MONTREAL - Four officers in Trois Rivieres, Quebec are on suspension with pay over a video showing officers beating a man.**

The video surfaced online and has attracted international attention.

It's also triggered an investigation of the Trois Rivieres officers by Quebec provincial police.

The video shows four officers kicking and punching a 19-year-old man (Alexis Vadeboncoeur) as he lay face down on the ground in a snowy parking lot in Trois-Rivieres.

The man is charged with armed robbery and footage of his violent arrest was played on Thursday at his bail hearing.

The man's case is back in court next month.

His lawyer Rene Duval has said the images on the video are scandalous and he may try to sue the Trois-Rivieres police officers in civil court.

## **MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

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### **OTTAWA - Statistics Canada says police reports show that just over 173,600 women aged 15 and older were victims of violent crime in 2011, a rate of 1,207 victims for every 100,000 women in the population.**

However, the agency says rates of police-reported physical assaults against women, including common assaults and serious physical assaults, fell five per cent to 705 victims per 100,000 women between 2009 and 2011.

The data also show a drop in rates of attempted murders against women over this same three-year period.

The agency says police reports show the rate of violent crime against women was about five per cent higher than the rate for men in 2011, although women were 11 times more likely than men to be a victim of sexual offences

and three times more likely to be the victim of criminal harassment.

In 2011, police reported about 78,000 incidents of violence against women by current or previous intimate partners and the overall rate of intimate partner violence against women was 542 per 100,000 women, almost four times higher than the rate for men.

Common assaults accounted for about half of all police-reported violent crimes against women, followed by uttering threats (13 per cent) serious physical assaults (10 per cent), sexual assaults involving little to no physical injury (seven per cent) and criminal harassment or stalking, (seven per cent).

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### **HALIFAX - The case of a Nova Scotia woman who died of a stroke following her incarceration by police has been referred to the province's Public Prosecution Service to see if criminal charges should be laid.**

Victoria Rose Paul of Indian Brook died in hospital days after she was left lying unattended in the Truro police lockup after being arrested for public drunkenness in August 2009.

A subsequent review ordered by Justice Minister Ross Landry found that police did not properly monitor Paul's health while she was in custody.

The review said the 44-year-old woman wasn't medically assessed or taken to hospital until 10 hours after she was put in jail.

In an email, Landry says prosecutors will examine the case to see if charges are warranted.

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### **CHARLOTTETOWN - A new law says all drivers convicted of impaired driving in Prince Edward Island are now required to install an ignition interlock device on their vehicles.**

Transportation Minister Robert Vessey says the new requirement will help keep impaired drivers off the Island's roads.

The law came into effect on the weekend. Previously, only drivers with multiple convictions were required to install an interlock.

The law also says repeat offenders must keep the device on their cars longer.

A well, offenders are required to cover the cost of installing the device, which immobilizes the vehicle if it determines the driver is impaired.

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### **REGINA - Regina is seeing less crime than it has for a decade.**

New crime stats show that overall crime is down 35 per cent compared to 2003, not including traffic or drug offences.

Robberies, assaults, kidnappings, mischief, and break and enters are all at 10-year lows.

Auto theft is down more than 60 per cent.

Elizabeth Popowich with Regina Police says the drop is even steeper when compared to record highs in auto theft in 2001.

Popowich says these numbers outpace a general crime drop across the country.

Reasons for it are hard to pin down, but they range from more officers on the street, to better public education, to a stronger economy. (CJME)

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### **EDMONTON - Edmonton police have launched an internal investigation into a mid-February arrest of an 18-year-old woman over her allegations she didn't initially receive medical care for a reported sexual assault.**

Police say they were called to a motel to check on the welfare of a woman.

Police say that officers asked paramedics to check on the woman, who was then treated on scene.

They say she gave no indication she had been sexually assaulted but officers found she was in breach of release conditions and had warrants out for her arrest, so she was taken to the Remand Centre.

Police say she told Remand Centre staff about the alleged sexual assault a day later, at which point she was taken to a nearby hospital and a rape kit was done to collect evidence.

Deputy Police Chief Brian Simpson said no official complaint has been launched against police but he said the allegations are being taken seriously and the matter will be investigated. (CTV Edmonton, CHED)

## **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

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### **TORONTO - The lawyer for a man charged with first-degree murder for killing a Toronto police officer with a snow plow is raising a defence of not criminally responsible.**

The judge in the trial of Richard Kachkar, 44, has told the jury that there is "no doubt" Kachkar was driving the stolen plow on Jan. 12, 2011, when it hit and killed Sgt. Ryan Russell.

Lawyer Bob Richardson says three psychiatrists who assessed Kachkar - including one selected by the Crown - will testify that he was in a psychotic state when he killed Russell.

Richardson told the jury in his opening statement that if they decide Kachkar is indeed criminally responsible for Russell's death, he is guilty of either first-degree murder or manslaughter.

Richardson told the jury they don't have to be concerned with the penalties no matter their decision, but he said if they find Kachkar not criminally responsible it doesn't mean he will walk free.

Kachkar is also charged with dangerous driving, but the judge told the jury they no longer have to consider that charge.



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**OTTAWA - RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson says he's doing everything he can to increase the number of women in uniform.**

Paulson made the commitment during testimony today before the House of Commons status of women committee.

Paulson was testifying after the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a report two weeks ago calling for fundamental changes to the way the Mounties handle harassment complaints.

The commission stopped short of identifying a systemic problem of sexual harassment within the force, despite intense publicity about difficulties and grievances.

Paulson says he wants half of all new recruits to be women within two years to help reach the goal of having a national police force that is 30-per-cent female by 2025.

Ian McPhail, interim chairman of the complaints body, says the RCMP needs to do more to encourage men and women to come forward with complaints of harassment.

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**OTTAWA - A looming expiration date for First Nations police funding has many chiefs worried for the safety of their communities.**

At midnight on March 31, public-service agreements funding First Nations policing will expire, leaving 26 communities in Quebec and Labrador in limbo.

The federal government hasn't indicated whether it plans to renew the funding, and has ignored requests to discuss the issue, native leaders said at a news conference Monday.

"There's nobody who could police our communities to the extent and effectiveness we do ourselves," said Chief Lloyd Phillips of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake.

The First Nations Policing Program supports policing services in First Nations and Inuit communities across the country. It came into force in 1991 and is funded by the federal government, province or territory and the community.

"I believe, in Canada, policing services are deemed to be an essential service with the exception of First Nations, where it is a program," Phillips said.

The chiefs want Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to commit to a minimum of one year's funding for the communities affected, and agree to larger discussions about policing on reserves.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Toews said he would be meeting with First Nations chiefs later that day to discuss policing programs.

"A finding decision on the program will be made in the near future," he added.

The federal government is currently exploring the most effective and sustainable policing models for First Nations communities, Jean Paul Duval, a Public Safety Canada spokesperson, said in an email.

Chiefs say they attempted to contact the

minister for two years and received no response. Only weeks away from possibly losing their funding, the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador met in Ottawa to demand answers.

"If the minister is not going to fund us then he should say it instead of being vague," said Phillips.

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**VICTORIA - The B.C. government is setting up a new panel to help drive reforms in the justice system and giving top judges more powers.**

The changes are included in new legislation introduced Tuesday by Justice Minister Shirley Bond to address a report issued by

Geoffrey Cowper last year.

His report recommended major changes to break a backlog in the courts that has seen some cases thrown out because of delays.

Bond says the legislation will set up a special council recommended by Cowper that will oversee planning for reforms within the system for everything from crime prevention to offender management and will collect information on how the system is performing.

The bill will also extend the term of the chief judge of the provincial court from five years to seven years to give the judge more time to implement long-term planning.

In addition, the chief justice of the B.C. Supreme Court will be given the power to assign judges to courts with the greatest need.



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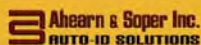
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## LOS ANGELES - At least six fired police officers want their disciplinary cases reopened after the Los Angeles Police Department began reinvestigating the termination of a former officer who left a trail of violence to avenge his firing.

Police Protective League President Tyler Izen said the decision by Chief Charlie Beck to reopen Christopher Dorner's case is unprecedented and "has left many of our members in absolute limbo."

"If the department does investigations and they're satisfied with those investigations, then what do they hope to learn from this review?" Izen said. "And if they are not satisfied with those investigations, why are they doing them without being satisfied in the first place?"

Beck reopened Dorner's case and ordered a review of the LAPD disciplinary system after the black ex-cop's online manifesto accused the department of racism and bias in his firing and vowed to get even with officers and their families.

Dorner killed four people, including two police officers, in his rampage before he apparently committed suicide during a fiery shootout in a mountain cabin two weeks ago.

Beck has said the review is being conducted to ensure public confidence. The review of the allegations and overall disciplinary system will take months, Beck said at a Police Commission meeting on Tuesday. It will look at perceptions of fairness when dealing with race, gender and rank, and will involve input from officers and command staff.

Beck said the department will review other requests for review, but said many are old cases.

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## SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - Two Santa Cruz police officers were shot and killed Tuesday while investigating a sexual assault, and a suspect was also fatally shot, authorities said.

The officers were shot around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, and Santa Cruz County Sheriff Phil Wowak confirmed Tuesday evening that they died.

The shooting in the community about 60 miles south of San Francisco took place as police were investigating a report of a sexual assault, Wowak said. A suspect fired, hitting the two officers.

A suspect was shot while police were in pursuit of the shooter, the sheriff said. Authorities said that person also died.

The names and ages of the officers and the suspect have not been released.

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## LANGLEY - A 30-year-old Langley man who shone a green laser pointer at an RCMP helicopter has been given a five-month conditional sentence that includes a curfew at night, one year on probation, and a ban on possessing lasers.

Alexander William Schiller was charged with mischief and violating the Canadian Aeronautics Act by endangering an aircraft, interfering with a crew member and creating

an airspace hazard.

He pleaded guilty to all three charges in October, and was handed his sentence in Vancouver Tuesday.

In April 2011, Schiller pointed an illuminated green laser pointer up into the sky at a police helicopter. The beam was so bright it forced the crew to put on night vision equipment.

Some green laser pointers can produce beams 35 times more intense than similar red laser pointers and can cause permanent eye damage in a fraction of a second.

Cpl. Curtis Brassington, an RCMP Flight Officer, said the flash inside an airplane or helicopter from a small laser beam can be immediately blinding.

"It's like someone turns on a huge green

light bulb in the cockpit," he said.

Pilots across Canada continue to deal with the problem. In the last 12 months, Transport Canada has logged about 60 reports of laser strikes on aircraft in B.C., and around 350 reports across Canada.

(CBC News)

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2013

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## MONTREAL - The man once entrusted to keep an eye on Canada's spy agency is now a wanted man.

An arrest warrant is out for Arthur Porter,



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the former head of the CSIS watchdog agency.

He is among the five people named in arrest warrants issued today by Quebec's anti-corruption squad, in a case of alleged fraud in the construction of a Montreal mega-hospital.

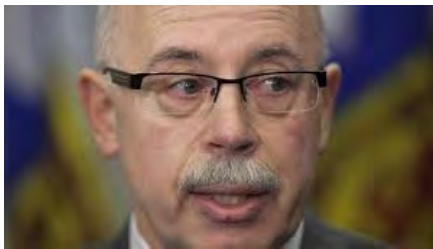
The others are: former SNC Lavalin senior executives Pierre Duhaime and Riadh Ben Aissa, Yanai Elbaz and Jeremy Morris.

The warrants say the men are wanted on numerous charges - including fraud, breach of trust and document forgery. They say Porter and Elbaz are wanted under suspicion of having accepted bribes from some of the others.

Porter was the director general of the McGill University Hospital Centre when the alleged fraud occurred.

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### **HALIFAX - Nova Scotia's Justice Department is launching a program that aims to connect young Aboriginal inmates with their culture.**



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Justice Minister Ross Landry says the program will be offered at the Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville over the next three years.

The government says outreach workers and Mi'kmaq elders will meet with young inmates at the facility.

The program will be designed and led by the Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network and also involve the use of traditional practices, including sharing circles.

Paula Marshall, the network's executive director, says engaging Aboriginal youth is important to tackling the root causes of crime.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department says the program is being funded through a federal grant of just over \$300,000.

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### **MONTREAL - A police employee is among about 40 people who have been arrested in raids aimed at cracking down on an alleged drug ring in Quebec.**

The woman works for the municipal force in Saint-Jerome, north of Montreal.

A spokesman for the Laval police force says she has been suspended and that she had access to sensitive information.

Police allege the ring had links with criminal biker gangs.

Authorities have seized drugs, weapons, cash and documents.

More than 300 police officers from various forces are taking part in dozens of raids in Saint-Jerome, Mirabel, Terrebonne, Saint-Colomban and Saint-Hippolyte.

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### **EDMONTON - An inquiry report says there is nothing police could have done differently in the shooting death of an Edmonton woman three years ago.**

Bernadette Auger, who was 48, died from two gunshots to the head and neck outside her apartment building in January 2010.

A hearing into Auger's death heard that police had gone to the apartment after a 911 call and found her with what they thought was a gun in her hand.

She followed the officers outside and two of them shot her when, despite repeated orders to drop the weapon, she pointed it toward a police dog handler.

The gun turned out to be a toy pistol that had been altered to look real.

Auger's common-law partner told police he believed she wanted them to shoot her and had tried to commit suicide before.

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### **TORONTO - Ontario's Liberal government plans to introduce legislation to give municipalities new tools to collect about \$350 million in outstanding fines that have accumulated over seven years.**

The new legislation will expand licence plate denial to Ontario residents to include speeding, improper lane changes, illegal turns, driving with no insurance and careless driving.

Transportation Minister Glen Murray says there's potentially up to \$100 million a year in more revenue for Ontario municipalities if fines are actually collected.

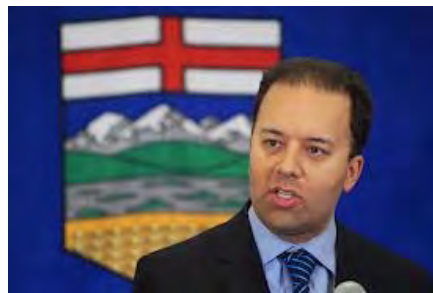
If passed, the legislation would also allow municipalities to mail highway tickets to out-of-province drivers who haven't paid their fines.

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Murray says every one per cent increase in fine collection amounts to about \$2.5-million in revenue.

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### **EDMONTON - Alberta Solicitor General Jonathan Denis says there will be a review at the courthouse where a sheriff was shot in the hand in a scuffle with two prisoners.**



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"We will have our own internal investigation to see what could have been done, if anything, to prevent this casualty," Jonathan Denis said Wednesday.

Denis said he spoke to the sheriff, who is

in hospital in Edmonton waiting for surgery on his hand.

Denis declined to discuss specifics of what happened Tuesday in Whitecourt, northwest of Edmonton, because the matter is still under investigation by the RCMP.

Witnesses have said the sheriff was one of two guards who was transporting two prisoners who were in custody following a recent drug bust.

They said the guard was in a courtroom when he heard shouts coming from the nearby prisoner transport hallway. The guard went into the hallway and witnesses then heard two or three shots.

The accused were spotted fleeing in the prisoner transport van, but were arrested within the hour at a rural home near Whitecourt.

The transport van was found stuck in a snowdrift.

RCMP have charged Clayton Ness, 29, and Jake MacIntyre, 22, both of Whitecourt, with assault, assault with a weapon, escape from lawful custody and other charges.

They were being held in custody and are to appear in provincial court on March 12.

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**VANCOUVER - Community members with a penchant for keeping authority in line have taken to Twitter under the user name @VanCopWATCH to ensure local police aren't abusing power.**

That, however, has ruffled some feathers with the Vancouver Police Department, which is concerned some public posts could be endangering the safety of its officers.

According to cop-watch volunteer Jen Allan, the goal is to regularly monitor and publicize police activity in the DTES, ensuring officers have a constant audience holding them accountable for their actions in confrontations and other incidents.

Volunteers follow officers around while on duty, making notes of their interactions with people in the DTES, and often posting photos online.

"The purpose is to take people on a live experience of a cop-watch patrol," Allan said, noting cop watches exist throughout North America in urban centres.

"The whole goal is to hold police accountable, expose brutality and advocate on behalf of others," Allan said.

One photo posted Tuesday showed a Vancouver Police officer in uniform inside a Tim Hortons, along with the caption: "DTES cop @ Tim Hortons buying coffee."

Another tweet reads: "VPD have cleared the 00 Blk E Hastings of Residents and Homeless the Members had Black plague."

While the tweets seem trivial and have been called a nuisance by some, Allan said it's part of a more long-term goal of conditioning officers to understand people are always watching.

However, the VPD has taken issue with the wording being used by the account and other members of the DTES cop watch, after the location of two officers monitoring a building was tweeted out.

"Please be careful not to jeopardize the safety or privacy of anyone by tweeting locations of where the police are," tweeted VPD social media officer Const. Anne Longley on Tuesday.

In an interview, Longley explained the tweet was a concern because it included the words "stake out."

It was sent out by a member of the observing group but only included @VanCopWATCH in the tweet.

"There could be a bit of a safety concern there," Longley said.

"We don't want people to be hesitant to call police, thinking their location or information is going to be put out on Twitter," she said.

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**VANCOUVER - A Downtown Eastside activist group usually at odds with police is asking Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu to try to persuade forces across Canada to follow his department's new approach to prostitution laws.**



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In particular, the Pivot Legal Society is asking the RCMP to adopt key elements of the new VPD policy.

The policy — implemented last month — states that "sex work involving consenting adults is not an enforcement priority for the VPD." It directs officers "to ensure the safety and security of sex workers" when dealing with sex-work related calls or situations.

"I think that the police department is happy to be receiving our support on this — given that Pivot is odds with police on a number of issues," Katrina Pacey, litigation director for Pivot Legal Society, told a news conference Wednesday. "This is definitely been an important point at which we've come together.

In a letter to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson, Pacey said the VPD policy "represents a very important shift in policing priorities and we encourage the RCMP to consider a similar approach.

The RCMP said it would most likely respond directly to Pacey.

Highlights from the guidelines include:

- All cases of violence or abuse of sex workers will be treated as serious criminal matters. An officer should be assigned to investigate when a sex worker speaks to a police officer or goes to a police station alleging violence.
- When there are complaints about indoor or street-based sex work, enforcement by police will be a last resort. Police will work to build rapport with sex workers and talk with them and community organizations about options to avoid residential areas, parks and schools.
- Vancouver police will investigate and enforce all laws against anyone who abuses, exploits or sexually exploits children and/or youth. As well, police will use all enforcement options to remove youth from unsafe circumstances and introducing them to supporting social agencies to place them in a safe environment.
- Vancouverites in sex work are entitled to the "same level of safety and protection under the law as are all residents."
- The guidelines are online at <http://bit.ly/WjGvUN>

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