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## RCMP says firearms, improvised explosives seized at protest



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**FREDERICTON** - The RCMP's commanding officer in New Brunswick defended the police response to a shale gas protest that erupted into violence, saying Friday that if the Mounties hadn't acted, lives could have been in danger.

"Our officers demonstrated incredible professionalism as they worked to resolve the situation under tremendously difficult and dangerous circumstances," assistant commissioner Roger Brown told a news conference in Fredericton.

"There came a point in time where we knew that this situation was no longer safe and that we had to do something before it turned

into a situation where, regrettably, somebody could've been injured or even killed, and that's what triggered the decision."

Six police vehicles including an unmarked van were burned Thursday in Rexton after the RCMP moved in to enforce a court-ordered injunction to remove protesters at the site of a compound where SWN Resources stored exploration equipment. A spokeswoman for the police force said Thursday that threats were made against private security guards at the site on Wednesday night.

The Mounties said Molotov cocktails were tossed at them and they fired non-lethal sock rounds - beanbag type bullets - and pepper spray to defuse the situation. But Brown



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said no officers discharged their firearms at any point Thursday.

He said officers discovered a number of weapons at the encampment including improvised explosive devices, firearms and knives.

"I will wear my heart on my sleeve for a second," he said. "I am so thankful that nothing happened yesterday because we could be having a totally different press conference today. We are so fortunate that this unfolded like it did."

He said he did not know how the weapons ended up at the protest site.

"That is quite a large area and we did not have full control over that area," he said.

He said of the 40 arrested for firearms offences, threats, intimidation, mischief and violating the injunction, 31 have been released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

The protesters, some of whom were members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, were demonstrating for weeks against the development of a shale gas sector in the province.

Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock, who was among those arrested and released, met with Premier David Alward on Friday to discuss what happened.

Earlier in Halifax, federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay called for an end to any further confrontations and the resumption of talks to resolve the dispute over shale gas exploration.

"There's obviously a need to respect the law and to avoid violence and return to discussions," he said at a roundtable discussion on justice issues.

"That is what we're all encouraging and hoping for, but when violence erupts you can expect the police are there to keep the peace and to protect citizens."

The RCMP blocked Route 134 on Sept. 29 after a protest there began spilling onto the

road. Protesters subsequently cut down trees that were placed across another part of the road, blocking the entrance to the compound.

The protesters want SWN Resources to stop seismic testing and leave the province.

Demonstrations were also held in other parts of the country Friday to support the protesters in Rexton.



Oct 17 2013

**COBOURG, Ont. - A police officer is being credited with rescuing an elderly man who wandered away from home during the night and fell into a chilly lake north of Cobourg, Ont.**

Provincial police say they received a report at about 2 a.m. Thursday that an elderly man with Alzheimer's disease had left his home in Gores Landing sometime after he and his wife had gone to bed at 10 p.m.

Officers checked the surrounding property and roads, while another officer went to the nearby government dock area at Rice Lake, where he saw the man floundering in the 5 C water.

Police say the officer, Const. Phil Clarke, grabbed a seat from his police cruiser to act as a floatation device, then dived into the water and swam to the man, who was a distance from the shore.

The man was able to hold onto the seat and Clarke brought him back to shore, where the man immediately lost consciousness.

The elderly man was taken to hospital by ambulance for treatment but there's no immediate word on his condition.

(CJOL)

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**PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. - A Mountie in Prince George, B.C., charged with assault with a weapon used excessive force when he arrested an elderly care home resident three years ago, a Crown prosecutor told the officer's trial.**

During opening statements on Wednesday, Crown counsel Jennifer Johnston said Const. Chad Fitzpatrick was one of a contingent of Mounties called to the Spruce Capital Seniors Housing Complex on the night of Nov. 17, 2010.

The Mounties were called to the facility by staff after a heated argument with one of the residents, the court heard.

The trial heard there was some kind of outburst, the senior uttered some threatening statements, and then he went to his room.

Staff followed him into the room, and an ensuing argument then escalated into more threats from the elderly man. He even pulled out a knife, the court heard.

The staff members then retreated, closed

and guarded the door, and called the police.

RCMP attended and took the resident into custody, but during that arrest, Johnston said Fitzpatrick jolted the man with a Taser to incapacitate him.

The Mountie's actions amounted to excessive force, Johnston said.

The trial, heard by Judge Brian Daley, is expected to wrap up on Friday.

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**TRURO, N.S. - Nova Scotia's police watchdog says it is investigating the death of a man who was suspected of killing his wife Wednesday in the Truro area.**

The RCMP say 49-year-old Gerald Martin Thompson died after shooting himself during a standoff with officers in the Portapique area, about 40 kilometres west of Truro.

Police say Thompson barricaded himself inside a car and he died shortly before 6 p.m.

The province's Serious Incident Response Team, also known as SIRT, says it was reported he had two firearms in his possession.

The standoff lasted most of the day while a crisis negotiator tried unsuccessfully to coax the man from his car.

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**OTTAWA - Poor leadership and scant resources have left government agencies struggling to answer access-to-information requests from Canadians, warns a federally appointed watchdog.**



In her annual report tabled Thursday, Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault said the integrity of the system is at risk and the weaknesses must be urgently addressed.

The Access to Information Act allows people who pay \$5 to request a variety of records from federal agencies - from correspondence and briefing notes to expense reports and audits.

The government is supposed to respond within 30 days or provide good reasons why a delay is necessary.

But Legault said staff shortages meant one institution - the RCMP - routinely went six months without even acknowledging receipt of requests.

In other cases, the response time could vary from 18 months to more than three years.

Legault, an ombudsman for users of the

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access law, said the mild optimism she felt last year has evaporated.

"In fact, there are unmistakable signs of significant deterioration in the federal Access to Information system," Legault told a news conference.

In 2012-13, complaints to her office from requesters were up nine per cent overall. Administrative complaints about such things as delays, time extensions and fees were up 42 per cent.

The trend has continued into this fiscal year, she said.

"It is imperative that the access problems be fixed promptly and significantly. There is truly a need for leadership on the part of the government and the individual institutions."

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### **BARRIE, Ont. - A central Ontario police officer who viciously beat a man at a shopping mall and then tried to frame him has been sentenced to one year in jail.**

Barrie police Const. Jason Nevill was convicted in June of assault causing bodily harm, attempting to obstruct justice and fabricating evidence.

Nevill initially maintained that Jason Stern was intoxicated and had attacked him with intent to resist arrest at a mall in November 2010.

However, charges against Stern were dropped after video surveillance emerged showing the officer attacking him without provocation, and beating him even after handcuffing him, leaving a pool of blood.

In addition to the year in jail, Ontario court Judge Lorne Chester also sentenced Nevill to one year on probation.

Barrie police Chief Kimberley Greenwood says Nevill is suspended without pay and his future with the force will be decided at a Police Services Act hearing.

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### **VICTORIA - One of the country's most notorious bank robbers has won a \$5,000 prize for his latest work of non-fiction.**

During the 1970s and 1980s, Stephen Reid was a member of the Stopwatch Gang, which hauled in millions and used timepieces while robbing about 100 banks in Canada and the United States.

Reid is currently serving an 18-year sentence at the William Head Institution on southern Vancouver Island for a separate 1999 bank robbery and shootout with police in Victoria.

Reid has won the 2013 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize for his work, "A Crowbar in the Buddhist Garden: Writing from Prison."

In the book, the novelist grapples with the nature of addiction and the pain associated with separation from family and friends.

This past March, the Parole Board of Canada granted Reid day parole, allowing him to attend a substance-abuse program.

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### **SASKATOON - Saskatoon police officers are soon going to be armed with Tasers.**

The board of police commissioners approved the purchase of the weapons on Thursday.

Before officers can carry the device, they must complete 11 hours of training online and in a classroom.

Police chief Clive Weighill says if a Taser is used, the reporting and reviewing process is almost the same as if a gun had been used.

He says officers will be better trained on how to keep volatile situations from escalating to the point where a Taser has to be used.

He says officers will be trained to use a Taser only in times when they would reach for their firearm, and not when they're in a lesser situation such as an argument.

(CKOM)

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### **An RCMP officer in Port McNeill is crediting his police training and preparation for the fact he lived to tell about a harrowing encounter with an aggressive cougar.**



And that despite making a couple of major fundamental mistakes during the encounter, according to the book *Cougar: Beautiful, Wild and Dangerous*.

Cpl. Carl McIntosh, along with his wife and two family dogs, was walking on a remote logging road when he shuddered at the sight of a cougar apparently stalking the foursome.

"On my right, very close, I saw the ear of an animal in the bush," recalled McIntosh. "I saw it had a round ear, and thought to myself, 'Uh-oh, that's not a deer.'"

Looking closer, he saw a full-grown male cougar, apparently unafraid, eyeing his group out for a Monday morning walk.

"I'd never seen a cougar in the wild before," said McIntosh, originally from Manitoba. "I didn't want to look at it — I didn't want to make eye contact, but it came right at me."

And that was his first mistake according to Wild's book. In that book she interviewed many cougar experts and attack victims, and

the first thing you want to do is make and keep eye contact.

Police are taught special breathing techniques to remain calm in an emergency, so McIntosh kept his wits about him and tried to do all the right things.

"I told my wife to get behind me, and we walked backwards away from him. You don't want to let a cougar get behind you."

That was his second mistake. Putting his wife behind him was correct according to Wild's book, but backing away slowly is the exact opposite of what cougar experts suggest.

They say to start and maintain aggressive behaviour towards the cougar, yelling, throwing stick and stones, anything to let it know you will not be an easy prey victim.

Next McIntosh tried what police tell everyone to do — call 911.

"I had a smartphone, but when you're in a panic you lose your fine motor skills. I had to key in my password three times before I got it right."

In a region loaded with wildlife, McIntosh was literally loaded for bear, so he emptied his arsenal.

"I sprayed 180 degrees with bear spray, but that didn't slow him down much," said the corporal. "Then I set off a bear banger, but that didn't do much either."

His ammo spent, McIntosh got a life-saving break just as he started thinking the worst.

"Luckily, just at that moment, 'Joe Logger' came driving by, and the cat took off."

Conservation officers later killed a cougar — McIntosh believes it's the one that stalked him — but next time he goes into the woods the Moutie will be better prepared.

"Next time I'm also going to pack a knife."

Wild's book suggests bear spray, a fixed blade knife and a whistle or air horn are good things to have when in cougar country.

(Campbell River Courier Islander)

**FRIDAY  
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### **KINGSTON, Ont. - A Kingston, Ont., police officer is facing several charges after people working for the force made allegations of workplace violence.**

Kingston police say the Belleville Police Service was asked to investigate the allegations, which only recently "came to light."

The incidents are alleged to have occurred in the Kingston police workplace between 2009 and 2011.

Const. Michael G. Seymour, 37, was arrested Wednesday and charged with four counts of pointing a firearm, one count of unlawful use of a firearm in the commission

of an indictable offence and one count of intimidation.

He was released on bail and has been suspended with pay.

Kingston police say an investigation is currently underway under the Police Services Act and they will not be making any further comment on the case.

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**MONTREAL - Officers with the Sûreté du Québec are trying to figure out why a man, arrested for drunk driving in the lower Laurentians, did not wait for a taxi and was then struck and killed on the side of the road 300 metres from the local police station.**

The 47-year-old man was stopped for driving under the influence at 4:30 a.m. in St-Lin-Laurentides, 40 kilometres north of Montreal, and taken the MRC de Montcalm police station where he was given an Alcotest.

He blew over the limit, was cited for drunk driving and was released by the police at 6:30 a.m. with a promise to appear in front of a judge at a later date.

According to Sgt. Gino Paré with the SQ, the man asked the officers on duty to call him a taxi as he lived close to the station. A cab was called but for some reason the man left the station before it arrived.

A few minutes after 6:30 a.m. the man was struck by a motorist travelling along Highway 335 a short distance from the station. He was declared dead at the scene, Paré said. The driver, a woman, was taken to hospital for shock. An autopsy has been ordered by the coroner.

(Montreal Gazette)

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**KITCHENER, Ont. - An Ontario woman accused of poisoning two young kids in her care has now been charged in the alleged poisonings of six babies and toddlers, including a newborn, as well as an adult.**

Police said Friday the new charges come as a result of their investigation into the woman, who ran a home daycare in Kitchener, Ont., from 2009 to 2011.

With the new charges, she is now accused in the alleged poisonings of eight children and a 32-year-old adult, all residents of Kitchener, or Guelph, Ont.

Police allege a suspect gave them an over-the-counter eye care product containing Tetrahydrozoline that if ingested can cause abnormal drowsiness, low blood pressure, respiratory problems and decreased heart rates, especially in young children.

They said the new incidents occurred in the last several years and involved children between the ages of one day old and two years old. Police said they were discovered after the first two incidents came to their

attention when a child in her care got sick in March.

Police spokeswoman Alana Holton said only that some of the new alleged poisonings occurred with children under the woman's care, while others did not.

Holton said police won't divulge just how the eye drops allegedly poisoned the eight children and one adult, adding such details will only be released in court.

Christine Allen, 32, is now accused of nine counts each of criminal negligence causing bodily harm and administering a noxious substance.

She's due to appear in court on Nov. 1.

In March the accused was caring for a friend's child who was taken to hospital with "serious physical symptoms" such as breathing difficulties, drowsiness and a decreased heart rate, police said in July when announcing the first batch of charges.

The child recovered but had to be taken back to hospital at a later date with similar symptoms.

Detectives discovered that another child who had been under the woman's care in July 2010 had similar symptoms, and recovered after a few days in hospital, according to police.

Police have said the daycare did not have a name and it's not known how many children Allen cared for during the three years it operated.

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**EDMONTON - Edmonton's Chief of Police, Rod Knecht, has signed a two and a half year contract extension.**

The Edmonton Police Commission announced the extension at its public meeting Thursday night.

Knecht joined the Edmonton Police Service in June, 2011, with his initial contract set to expire in June, 2016.

"The Edmonton Police Commission appreciates the direction Chief Knecht has taken policing in Edmonton over the past two and a half years," said Shami Sandhu, Chair of the Edmonton Police Commission. "He has demonstrated strong leadership and the Service has made significant advancements under his guidance. The extension of his contract will ensure consistency and stability as we move toward a safer Edmonton.

"We understand the challenging and unique environment of policing a city like Edmonton and believe that Chief Knecht will continue to make positive advancements in public safety."

Sandhu credits Knecht for helping bring down the homicide rate the city saw two years ago. In 2011, there were 48 homicides in Edmonton.

"The work that he did with the violence reduction strategy, which continues today, has brought down the high homicide rate,

in part. We're quite pleased with the work he's done."

Knecht says he's very pleased the Commission has chosen to extend his contract.

"I look forward to working with the Commission and the men and women of the Edmonton Police Service over the next several years," he said. "Working together, we have made great strides over the past two and a half years towards our goal of making Edmonton the safest major city in Canada."

Despite that hard work, both Sandhu and Knecht say there is still work that needs to be done, and that involves making sure the EPS has the resources to police the city.

"We presented a report to City Council- I did with the chief- a few months ago, asking for 35 new officers every year for the next five years. That's barely going to get us to where we should be," Sandhu explained.

Earlier this month, Knecht was one of 23 recipients of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. Knecht was awarded the medal by Governor General David Johnston.

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was created to recognize exceptional service by members of Canadian police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community.

The new contract extends Knecht's position as chief until Oct. 31, 2018.

(Global News)

Oct 18 2013

**TORONTO - The Toronto Police Service is considering outfitting all uniformed officers with body-worn video cameras.**

The force presented results of its Police and Community Engagement Review (PAC-ER) Wednesday afternoon, a report sparked in part by allegations of police bias and racial profiling. One of the recommendations out of that report is the idea of equipping all officers with cameras as a means to provide both the police and the public with better accountability.

On Wednesday, Deputy Chief Peter Sloy called the cameras a "relatively new development," and said the force is still in the process of researching the technology and examining logistics. "We'll have to look at the IT supports, the governance - there'll be privacy issues," he said. Deputy Chief Sloy added that, because the program is still in the research phase, it isn't being included on the draft budget for 2014.

Depending on the style, the small camera can be mounted on a pair of glasses or onto an officer's uniform, and documents events from the officer's point of view. The force will be looking to other cities and their experiences before deciding whether or not to use them in Toronto, Deputy Chief Sloy said.

In recent years, police in Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary and Ottawa, have all run



pilot programs with body-worn cameras. Of those cities, only Calgary has committed to continue using them.

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack questioned the recommendation, saying he would rather see police dollars spent on hiring new officers. "We haven't hired in three years, and with the hard-fought police dollars, I'd rather see the resources put into boots on the ground," he said.

(Globe and Mail)

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2013

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### **MONTREAL - It's a case of life imitating art – video game art – according to a 13-year-old's grandmother.**

She's blaming the popular and violent video game, Grand Theft Auto (GTA), for inspiring her grandson to steal her car and lead police on a 100 km per hour chase through a residential neighbourhood south of Montreal.

GTA players can steal cars and engage in shoot-outs with police and other characters.

Police from the small town of Saint-Philippe, Que., we're shocked to find a boy "who looked eight or nine years old" at the wheel when they pulled the car over on Wednesday, said officer Guy Lepine.

The negative influence of a friend, family troubles and GTA created a dangerous mix that pushed the child to evade police, the boy's grandmother said.

The grandmother's identity can not be published in order to protect the identity of the boy who is a minor.

No one was injured in the joy ride; the 13-year-old was charged with fleeing police.

(QMI Agency)

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2013

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### **VANCOUVER - British Columbia's police watchdog says it may issue a supplemental report at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest into the RCMP shooting death of former soldier Greg Matters.**

The inquest has heard that Matters was shot in the back during a confrontation with Mounties at his farm in Prince George in September last year.

When the Independent Investigations Office released its report earlier this year clearing officers of wrongdoing, the report said that Matters had died of gunshot wounds to the chest.

Asked about the discrepancy, IIO spokesman Owen Court insisted the coroner's report

his office received said that Matters was shot in the chest - not the back.

After two weeks of testimony, the inquest has been adjourned until the end of January.

The Matters shooting occurred on the first day of work for the new IIO office.

The office was launched after investigations into high-profile police-involved deaths, including that of Robert Dziekanski, who died after being Tasered by Mounties at Vancouver's airport.

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### **TORONTO - Thirteen first responders who died while serving the public have been honoured by the Ontario government.**

Premier Kathleen Wynne presented plaques to their family members in a ceremony at the legislature Sunday.

The deceased include seven firefighters, one police officer, four paramedics and an air ambulance pilot who died in incidents dating back to 2007.

The provincial Tribute to the Fallen honours police, firefighters, soldiers and paramedics who died in the line of duty.

Oct 20 2013

### **ELSIPOGTOG FIRST NATION, NB -The RCMP vacated its detachment on Elsipogtog First Nation following a police raid on an anti-fracking encampment just north of the community.**

Elsipogtog Chief Arren Sock said band officials were working on a transition plan to have the RCMP return to the community as early as Monday.

"Unfortunately they have left," said Sock.

RCMP Const. Jullie Rogers-Marsh said a fire at the detachment forced the officers out.

"There was some damage sustained and it needs repairs and our members are not using it at this time," said Rogers-Marsh.

Rogers-Marsh said someone tried to set fire to the detachment, which is next to the community hall, early Friday morning following Thursday's raid that led to 40 arrests, the seizure of three rifles and improvised explosive devices.

Sock said the raid "shattered" a 20-year relationship between the RCMP and the community. (aptn.ca)

## MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2013

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### **PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. - Back in custody after using forged documents to escape their life sentences, two convicted killers were being questioned on Sunday by law enforcement authorities who said they expect to**

### **make more arrests in a case that has embarrassed both court and corrections officials in Florida.**

Among the questions being posed to Joseph Jenkins and Charles Walker: Who forged the papers? Who helped you run from police? What other prisoners have gotten away with this? Who was coming from Atlanta to whisk you out of Florida?

"I can tell you, there will be more arrests," Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey told a news conference Sunday, hours after Jenkins and Walker, both 34, were arrested without incident at a motel in Panama City.

"We will be backtracking to those who helped carry out this fraud and along the way we will be looking closely at anyone who may have helped harbour these fugitives," Bailey said.

Jenkins and Walker, both 34, were captured Saturday night at the Coconut Grove Motor Inn in Panama City Beach.

"They had to have had help - a lot of help - to get to where they were last night," Bailey said. He said the men were unarmed and didn't have much money on them.

Bailey's department is pursuing a tip that someone was offering to forge documents for prisoners for \$8,000. He said there are at least two other recent cases where prisoners were thwarted trying to use fake documents to escape.

"The documents themselves looked good, they looked official," Bailey said, although they contained the signatures of people who normally don't deal with release documents, something that maybe should have raised questions, he said.

Meanwhile, Corrections Secretary Michael Crews has ordered his department to begin verifying the legitimacy of early-release orders with a judge, not just court clerks. He said his department receives a few thousand such orders each year, although he acknowledged that reduced sentences in murder cases are rare.

Jenkins and Walker were both serving life sentences before they walked free without anyone realizing the paperwork, complete with case numbers and a judge's forged signature, was bogus. The documents seemingly reduced their life sentences to 15 years.

Jenkins was released first on Sept. 27 and registered himself as a felon Sept. 30 in an Orlando jail. Walker was released Oct. 8 and also registered himself with authorities three days later.

It wasn't until Tuesday, when one of Pugh's relatives contacted the state attorney's office to let them know Jenkins had been let out, that authorities knew of the escape.

Prosecutors reviewed Jenkins' case file and quickly discovered the forged paperwork, including motions from prosecutors to correct "illegal" sentences, accompanied by

orders allegedly filed by Judge Belvin Perry within the last couple of months. The orders granted a 15-year sentence.

Oct 21 2013

**MELBOURNE, Australia - Australian police say they've busted a Canadian-led international syndicate that imported nearly two tonnes of drug-making materials worth almost \$300 million to the country.**

The Australian Associated Press reports eight Canadians and two Australians are in custody.

Police said the weekend arrests followed the seizure last month in Melbourne of 650 kilograms of pseudoephedrine that had been hidden in vanilla powder jars.

They said the chemical came from India and is used to produce crystal meth.

Three of the Canadians - Catherine McNaughton, 30, Edmond Proko, 46, and James Kelsey, 27 - appeared in a Melbourne court today charged with drug trafficking. They're due back in court in January.

The 18-month investigation known as Operation Diamondback involved Australian federal and state law enforcement agencies.

Oct 21 2013

**LONDON, Ont. - The police chief in London, Ont., says the force has launched a review of its controversial practice of approaching local post-secondary students and asking them for their personal details.**

It was revealed this weekend that police have been patrolling areas near Western University and Fanshawe College and approaching off-campus student residents to ask for information.

According to students, officers were going door-to-door and requesting their names, phone numbers and other details including their study program and contact details for their parents.

They say officers patrolling areas where many students live even stopped people on the street to ask them where they were coming from and going to.

Students weren't obligated to provide the information, but many say they felt pressured to comply simply by virtue of being asked.

Chief Brad Duncan says police are internally reviewing Project LEARN, and will also discuss campus policing with student leaders, university officials and the chair of the city's post-secondary issues committee. (AM980, The Canadian Press)

Oct 21 2013

**OTTAWA - The federal Public Safety Department is worried about the emergence of three-dimensional printers that can easily manufacture guns without any kind of licensing control.**

The department is commissioning a study that will look at the advent of 3D technology and the feasibility of crafting firearms, gun parts and ammunition.

It is also interested in possible technological solutions that could be applied to such printers to prevent them from making guns.

In May, the U.S. government made headlines when it ordered a Texas-based website to remove blueprints for using a 3D printer to manufacture a handgun.

Files for the "Liberator" gun were quickly downloaded more than 100,000 times, prompting concern in Washington and state capitals, the Public Safety Department notes.

The possibility of cheaply produced

firearms has also stirred concern in Europe.

Aside from the fact the printers could allow someone to make a weapon in their basement, the fact the guns can be constructed from non-traditional materials, such as plastic, have sparked fears they could slip through airport security checkpoints undetected.

The Public Safety Department recently issued a call for a contractor to carry out a study on the budding phenomenon with an eye to receiving a final report by next March.

While 3D printers have been around for some time, their price has dropped to between \$1,500 and \$5,000, making them more accessible.

The study is being funded through a

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federal initiative aimed at improving the collection, analysis and sharing of firearms-related intelligence and information. It involves Public Safety partners the RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency and the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada.

The research will trace the historical evolution of 3D technology and the accessibility of software and materials involved in making guns.

It will also look at the international context, comparing the policies of police, policy officials and lawmakers in different countries on both the legal and illicit manufacturing of firearms.

The department also wants the authors to explore technological or “software controls that could be put on 3D printers to prevent the production of 3D printed guns.”

In addition, the researchers are expected to examine the role of the Internet in sharing blueprints and other requirements for making 3D guns, as well as stake out unanswered questions about the legal, political, national security and economic dimensions of the futuristic firearms.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 22 2013

Oct 22 2013

**REGINA - A stray dog who was found, rescued and cared for by Regina police officers now has a permanent home.**



Const. Cory Longhurst was flagged down Thanksgiving weekend by a woman who had found the dog in an alley.

The canine, who was later named Copper, was bleeding from a deep gash on his back leg.

He was taken to a 24-hour veterinary clinic, but without an owner to pay for his care, Copper faced being put down.

That’s when police officers decided to pool their money for treatment.

Longhurst says one of the officers, who wants to remain anonymous, has decided to take Copper home for good.

Oct 22 2013

**COWAN, Tenn. - A Tennessee police officer is inspiring others by**

**overcoming great obstacles. According to WTVF-TV, he is the first upper-limb amputee in the country to graduate from a police academy.**

Jerod Bradford comes to work each day with a smile on his face.

“I just want to do my job, I want to give back to the community and I want to help,” he said.

As one of the newest full-time officers at the Cowan Police Department, he attacks each assignment with enthusiasm. His dream job, is the result of hard work, and determination to overcome his physical disabilities.

“I hope people look at me, look at this story and say ‘you know, if he can do it, I can do it,’” said Bradford.

After losing part of his left arm, and a finger on his right hand after a near death electrocution 10 years ago, officer Bradford didn’t slow down.

“I knew this would be the hardest thing I’ve ever accomplished in my life since my accident, and it was,” he said.

Before he was able to patrol the streets of Cowan, he had to prove he could survive 10 weeks of grueling training at the police academy.

“The sit-ups the gut busters, the planks, those were things not on my favorite list, but I did every single one of them right next to everyone else,” he said.

But, at times, he had to get creative.

“I took a crutch tip, filled it full of epoxy and put a bolt in it to where it would fit on my prosthetic, so I could do pushups and I wouldn’t slide,” said Bradford.

The persistence paid off and motivated others in the department along the way.

Now Officer Bradford is looking forward to a long law enforcement career, and a chance to encourage others to follow their dreams.

“You can succeed in anything, all you have to do is try, don’t let anybody tell you otherwise,” he said.

(WTVF/CNN)

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2013

Oct 23 2013

**SEATTLE - Authorities believe a high-risk sex offender who recently fled Canada is now a suspect in the sexual assault of a 16-year-old homeless boy.**

Police in Seattle say Michael Stanley met the teen at a grocery store yesterday and walked with him to a nearby alley.

Police allege Stanley supplied the teen with alcohol and then attacked him, but the teen was armed with a knife and fought back.

Stanley was later arrested and charged with harassment and may face further charges as well.

Stanley entered the United States earlier this month after eluding police in Alberta and

Saskatchewan.

They had been searching for him after he allegedly cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet in Lloydminster.

Several schools in Saskatchewan went into lockdown after he vanished.

He later turned up in Lethbridge, Alberta, but managed to make his way into BC, where he crossed the border.

Oct 23 2013

**HANOI, Vietnam - For the young Vietnamese dope smokers rolling up outside a smart Hanoi cafe, local cannabis is just not good enough. As with their Adidas caps, iPhones and Sanskrit tattoos, so with their choice of bud: only foreign will do.**

Potent marijuana grown indoors in Canada and the United States is easy to buy in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, say regular smokers, and sells for up to 10 times the price of locally grown weed. That’s perhaps surprising given that marijuana is easy to cultivate regionally, and bringing drugs across continents is expensive and risky.

Some experts say the trade can be explained by the dominant role Vietnamese diaspora gangs play in cultivating the drug in western countries, making sourcing the product and smuggling it to Vietnam an easier proposition than it might be otherwise.

The characteristics of cannabis use in the country also drive the trade. The drug is used mostly by foreigners and well-heeled Vietnamese, who are prepared to pay for quality. Vietnamese have long shown preferences for imported goods of all kinds - and it appears cannabis is no exception.

Regardless of the reasons, its availability in Vietnam is a sign of how hydroponic growing techniques have shaken up the global marijuana business. In the 1960s and 70s, marijuana went from plantations in countries such as Thailand, India and Morocco to wealthy consumer markets in the West. Now, many western countries are self-sufficient in the weed because of indoor cultivation, and export is on the agenda.

Western-grown cannabis is also appearing in Japan and South Korea.

Oct 23 2013

**HAMILTON - Criminal charges have been stayed against a Hamilton police gang unit officer, just months after dozens of his cases were dropped due to his arrest.**

One count each of breach of trust and obstructing justice against Detective Constable Craig Ruthowsky, 39, were stayed Oct. 16 at the Crown’s request. But not because the Crown believed there was no likelihood of convicting the 17-year veteran.

Rather, the charges were stayed because the Crown’s disclosure to the defence included

information that could identify police informants if the case ever went to trial, according to Gary Clewley, Ruthowsky's lawyer.

"The information that was provided created a risk of identifying confidential sources," says Clewley, a Toronto lawyer who often represents cops.

Though no names of informants appeared in the disclosure, he says some details "might have allowed somebody to connect dots" and could compromise the safety of the informants.

Clewley says he spoke with the Hamilton Police Service and the Crown, and it was agreed a stay of Ruthowsky's charges would be necessary.

Ian Bulmer, of the Crown law office in Toronto, is the prosecutor for the case. To avoid any conflict of interest, it is common for an outside Crown to be brought in when a police officer is charged.

(Hamilton Spectator)

Oct 23 2013

**EDMONTON - A former army sniper who was fired from the Edmonton Police Service for urinating on another officer and other misconduct is getting another chance to save his job.**

An Alberta Court of Appeal justice has granted Rob Furlong leave to appeal a ruling earlier this year that upheld a police decision to fire the constable.

The Law Enforcement Review Board said the firing was acceptable for misconduct which took place at a police training event after a night of heavy drinking.

The board's decision was a reversal of its original ruling, which had said it was too harsh to fire Furlong, who had seven years of unblemished police service before the misconduct in September 2011.

Appeal Court Justice Ronald Berger says the two different decisions raise questions about how the review board could reach different conclusions based on the same facts.

No date has been set to hear Furlong's appeal.

Oct 23 2013

**TORONTO - Ontario's governing Liberals plan to toughen penalties for motorists who are caught phoning or texting while driving, which could include demerit points.**

"There will be action coming, whether it's regulations, whether it's legislation or some combination of education and new penalties - haven't decided," Transportation Minister Glen Murray said Wednesday.

"We're really in the middle of looking at what would be most effective."

Murray said he personally supports stiffer penalties for distracted drivers. There are concerns that the current fines aren't sufficient, given that there have been 235,000 charges laid in the last three years, he said.

"We're getting a lot of complaints," he

said, adding that 20 per cent of all collisions result from distracted driving.

The government is also looking at penalties for "dooring" - when cyclists collide with a vehicle door that's suddenly opened, said his spokesman Patrick Searle.

The Liberals banned drivers in 2009 from using any hand-held electronic devices to text, e-mail or talk while driving, except for 911 calls. Ontario's top court says it's illegal to even hold a phone while driving.

Drivers are also forbidden from using portable video games or DVD players. Global positioning systems are allowed, as long as they're properly secured to the dashboard.

They could be fined up to \$500 if they're

caught, but unlike other provinces, there are no demerit points attached.

Oct 23 2013

**EDMONTON - A career criminal who was convicted of manslaughter in the 1990 death of an Edmonton police officer continues to rack up new charges, as he has since his release from prison.**

Albert Foulston, 50, is currently charged with obstruction and breach of a recognizance arising from a Sept. 28 incident in Trail, B.C.

Foulston was released from custody again on Oct. 18, and has a court date set for Nov. 1 in Rossland, B.C.

Foulston was given 20 years in prison

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for his role in the slaying of 33-year-old Const. Ezio Faraone while fleeing a bank robbery on June 25, 1990. Foulston's partner, Jerry Crews, shot the officer in the heart with a sawed-off shotgun, was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole until 2016. Foulston, who was on parole at the time of the officer's death, was convicted of manslaughter and robbery, and was released from prison in 2004.

Foulston has routinely been re-arrested and faced charges since then, including for violating parole conditions, using drugs and driving without a licence.

The Edmonton Police Association has repeatedly spoken out against Foulston's releases from prison. In 2009, then-police chief Mike Boyd wrote to the National Parole Board and Corrections Canada saying Foulston should be kept in custody.

(Edmonton Journal)

Oct 23 2013

### **ST. THOMAS, Ont. - The military was called in after an elderly woman showed up at an Ontario police station to turn in grenades, a tank round and even aircraft bombs dating back to the Second World War.**

Police in St. Thomas, south of London, say the 94-year-old woman walked into their front lobby Tuesday carrying her late husband's collection of military munitions.

An expert from the Department of National Defence was brought in and determined that none of the ammunition was live.

Police say some of the items were donated to the Elgin Military Museum, while one was destroyed by the military as a precaution.

Oct 23 2013

### **EDMONTON - An Edmonton police officer has been accused of using a Taser on someone without having the proper authority to do so.**

Police said Wednesday that Const. Trevor Claydon, a 10-year member, has been charged with assault with a weapon.

The service said the charge stemmed from a complaint and that it allegedly happened while the officer was on duty.

Alberta Justice reviewed an investigation of the complaint by the Professional Standards Branch.

The constable remains on active duty pending the outcome of the court proceedings.

Police say they can't give any other information because the matter is before the court.

Oct 23 2013

### **TORONTO - A Toronto judge had harsh words for two police detectives on Tuesday as she acquitted three brothers and their father of assaulting the officers.**

Ontario Court Judge Carol Brewer said the two officers, detective-constables Stuart Blower and Tamari Hewko, acted "unlawfully" and gave testimony that fostered "serious concerns" about their credibility.

"Their entire interaction with the Khans involved a course of unlawful behaviour, which culminated in the use of excessive force," the judge wrote in her 19-page decision.

Dalair Khan, Deen Khan, Yazdaan Khan and their father, Aleem Khan, had been charged with various counts of assault over a May 12, 2009, incident that occurred at their then-home in North York.

On that day, the police officers came to their apartment building to investigate an unrelated break-and-enter in another suite. The plainclothes detectives pulled their unmarked car into Deen Khan's parking spot.

Seeing them, Deen Khan approached the officers.

"I said 'Excuse me, that's my parking spot.' And he said, 'I'm a cop. What are you going to do?'" Deen Khan told CBC News on Tuesday.

The officers walked away. Khan then pulled his vehicle in behind the police car, blocking it into the parking spot.

A little later, inside their apartment unit, the family heard banging on the door.

"He was very angry, and he said, 'I'm going to smack you if you don't move your car,'" Aleem Khan said of Blower.

A fight broke out between the four family members and the two detectives. Testimony at trial recounted punches being thrown by both sides, shoving and yelling. The court heard two 911 calls, with the judge determining that a voice on one of them was Det.-Const. Hewko using the F-word at least twice.

Throughout, the officers said they were assaulted. They testified they went to the door of the family's suite, politely asked them to move the car and were pushed and provoked into the melee.

The fisticuffs got so bad that at one point, Yazdaan Khan smacked Blower in the back of the head with a dumbbell.

But the judge ruled that was a legitimate act of self-defence because Blower was choking Yazdaan Khan's brother, whose face had turned blue.

The judge said that at another moment, Blower was unlawfully punching Aleem Khan in the face, which justified his son Deen using force against the officer to try to intervene.

In acquitting all four family members, the judge cited significant concerns with the detectives' testimony.

Blower's testimony was "illogical," "does not appear to be rational," had "internal inconsistencies" and "provided an erroneous version of events," Brewer wrote. Portions of Hewko's testimony were marred by "implausibility" and "discrepancies"

with other evidence, the judge ruled.

The judge was particularly concerned that the two officers prepared their notes "while sitting beside each other, over the course of several hours."

That and "the similarity of the contents of the notes raise serious concerns with respect to collaboration and fabrication of their contents," she wrote.

The two officers are still on the job. The Toronto Police Service said Tuesday it's reviewing the judge's decision but would not comment because there could be an appeal.

(CBC News)

Oct 23 2013

### **A woman originally from Newfoundland and Labrador has launched a book about sexual harassment and discrimination she allegedly faced while in the RCMP.**

Janet Merlo, who spent 20 years in uniform, said working for the national police force quickly went from being her dream job to a nightmare, adding it destroyed her mental health, while her personal life disintegrated.

Merlo said she wrote *No One to Tell: Breaking My Silence on Life in the RCMP* to help people who are facing similar abuse in the workplace.

"I hope that anyone who is being bullied and harassed at work, whether it's within a police organization or any organization, that they can find their voice to come forward and speak up," said Merlo.

"And anyone who is bullying would realize the effect that they're having on anyone they're ... they're intimidating."

Merlo said she suffered years of sexual harassment and gender discrimination, in a poisoned environment that forever altered how she views the RCMP.

"Aren't we supposed to trust the police? But the work environment I experienced with the RCMP seemed anything but safe for women."

"During my first few years as an RCMP officer, I had a supervisor who kept a naked blowup doll in his office. And during the nightshifts, he would keep it standing ... and when I'd bring in files for reading he'd ask me to stand next to it to see who was taller."

Merlo is the lead plaintiff in a proposed class-action lawsuit against the RCMP. The suit alleges widespread harassment and gender-based discrimination.

(CBC News)

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 24, 2013**

Oct 24 2013

### **EDMONTON - A man convicted in the shooting death of an Edmonton police officer in 1990 has been ordered back to Alberta after breaching conditions**

of his release.

Albert Foulston was arrested in Trail, B.C., on Sept. 28 after RCMP responded to a call about an unwanted guest.

He has been charged with breaching conditions - which included not leaving Alberta - and obstruction of a peace officer for allegedly giving a false name.  
(Global Edmonton)

Oct 24 2013

**OTTAWA - A newly declassified briefing for Canadian police chiefs says training for frontline officers and better information sharing can help protect law enforcement officials from potentially aggressive "sovereign citizens."**

The presentation, prepared for a meeting of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, calls the libertarian-inspired philosophy a growing concern that poses a threat to officer and public safety.

Enforcement agencies are becoming increasingly wary of sovereign citizens, members of the Freeman-on-the-Land movement and other like-minded people who resist police and government authority.

Adherents say they shun violence and merely want to live free of government-imposed shackles.

However, police say those who espouse the ideology have been involved in numerous violent encounters with law-enforcement and government employees in the United States and - to a lesser extent - in Canada.

Freemen commonly claim they do not require a driver's licence, assert a right to have weapons for self-protection and produce or possess illegal drugs.

Oct 24 2013

**CHINO, Calif. - Three children were injured by shrapnel after a fellow elementary school student pulled the trigger of an assault rifle mounted on a police motorcycle during a school assembly, authorities said.**

The AR-15 was locked to the side of the motorcycle that was on display at Newman Elementary School on Wednesday during an anti-drug program when a student managed to fire it, Chino police spokeswoman Tamrin Olden said.

"The bullet disintegrated when discharged by striking a metal plate where the barrel rests against the weapons mount," and metal debris apparently struck some children and caused minor injuries, she said.

"It is likely that metal debris struck two children resulting in extremely minor injuries," Olden said, adding that the children were treated at a hospital and released.

A third student was examined at the school and released to parents, she said.

The children were treated for cuts and scrapes, said Fire Department spokeswoman Massiel Ladron De Guevara.

The weapons mount holding the rifle had several fail-safes, including the metal plate, Olden said.

There was no immediate word on whether a police officer was nearby when the accidental discharge occurred.

Rifles have been removed from other police motorcycles while the shooting is investigated, Olden said at a news conference.

The shooting occurred while police

visited the school for Red Ribbon Week, an annual national event that features a series of activities designed to raise awareness about drug and alcohol abuse.

Oct 24 2013

**OTTAWA - The federal privacy watchdog says Canada's anti-money laundering agency continues to keep too much personal information about people.**

In a newly released audit report, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart says the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre has made limited progress in addressing the problem since she flagged it four years ago.

The centre zeros in on cash linked to money laundering, terrorism and other crimes by sifting through information from banks, insurance companies, securities dealers, money service businesses, real estate brokers, casinos and others.

Stoddart found in 2009 that although reports about allegedly dubious transactions were reviewed and prioritized, they were not assessed for reasonable suspicion of money laundering or terrorist financing.

The privacy commissioner says she was disappointed in the latest results.

The audit recommends the anti-money laundering agency analyze and assess incoming reports and identify and dispose of information that it should not have received.

October 24, 2013

**MARKHAM ON - Blue Line Magazine Publisher, Morley Lymburner, today announced the Truro Police Service as the 2014 recipient of the Uniform Image Award.**

Truro decided to change their dress uniform and assigned two officers to look into the changes the 65 members would like to see. The team then set out to find the required materials, garment and apparel which would meet their requirements. The final product includes not only a uniform cut re-design but an entirely new colour scheme. One material supplier actually had to create a special dye to match their requirements "The finished product is a stunning combination which is both formal and readily identifiable to their police service," Lymburner said.

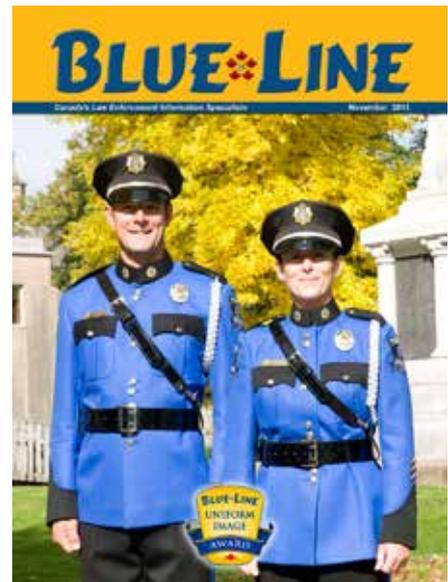
"The Truro Police Service has shown itself to be creative and innovative with their image over the years," Lymburner said. "Several years back they introduced a full-size 'Robo-cop' to teach children about Internet safety. It is clear this agency has a knack for promoting themselves to their community and the new uniform design is emblematic of this positive attitude."

#### Uniform Image Award Backgrounder

The three aspects of law enforcement authority to which all police and security agencies aspire are presence, command and image however they differ on which is the most important.

Many studies indicate that image is a primary factor and unspoken asset in encouraging voluntary compliance. Appearance can be the one determining factor that improves community respect for an agency in general and the officer in particular.

For many years *Blue Line Magazine* has looked at Canadian law enforcement attire and apparel with a view toward encouraging



an atmosphere of continuous improvement from both agency and industry. Toward this end we have now set aside a single issue each year to recognize the agency which best exemplifies quality improvement and function in its uniform attire and apparel. Emphasis will be placed on the success of the image projected to the community along with the cooperative efforts of both members, stylists and industry manufacturers and fabricators.

The Blue Line Uniform Image Award may be bestowed upon any police or parallel law enforcement agency where a uniform is a primary part of day-to-day operations. The award can recognize design and style of an entire array of uniforms or one improved aspect of the uniform kit which creates a demonstrably enhanced public image. Factors considered include style, safety, comfort and innovation.

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Agencies may apply to be considered for this recognition by supplying appropriate photographs and supporting documentation outlining the process, goals, and achievements made in their attire and/or apparel. All submissions will be viewed by a group of judges with extensive experience in law enforcement, manufacturing, retail and design.

Recipients will be the featured cover story in the November edition of *Blue Line Magazine* and receive a plaque of recognition suitable for display. All submissions may be made to [uniforms@blueline.ca](mailto:uniforms@blueline.ca) before September 15, 2014.

*Blue Line Magazine* will also be entertaining resumes and suggestions for judges for this award up to January 31, 2014.

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