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## OPP officer receives Police Leadership award

March 12, 2014

**Markham, ON** – Sergeant Marty Roy Singleton, a 15 year veteran of the Ontario Provincial Police, has been selected as this year's recipient of *Blue Line Magazine's* Police Leadership Award.

This award recognizes and encourages a standard of excellence that exemplifies "Leadership as an Activity not a Position," and pride in service to the public. Its goal is to increase the effectiveness, influence and quality of Canadian police situational leadership from both an organizational and community perspective.

The five judge panel concluded that Sgt. Singleton epitomized the best qualities of leadership in police work having worked tirelessly with residents and fellow officers throughout the vast territory that is the North West region of Ontario. His influence, grounded in actions, speaks to his character, his genuine interest in the welfare of people, his competence as a police officer and his willingness to step forward no matter how daunting a challenge.

Sgt. Singleton is the Provincial Liaison

Team (PLT) regional co-ordinator, responsible for overseeing the program in the OPP North West Region. The 16-member team is dispersed throughout the region at various detachments doing operational duties and available to assist when the need arises. The PLT program is a proactive component of police

preparedness and response to major events and critical incidents, principally focused on communication and conflict resolution.

Sgt. Singleton's leadership is evident as a PLT officer coach and mentor, his continual work to build and solidify community partnerships with aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities, with other police services, municipal leaders and community groups.



### AWARD BACKGROUNDER

Open to active Canadian police officers below the rank of senior officer, *Blue Line Magazine's* Police Leadership Award is bestowed annually upon those who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to service through deeds resulting in a measurable benefit to their peers, police service and community.



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The Police Leadership Award was first bestowed in 1999 when it was instituted by the Canadian Police Leadership Forum. This group, with continual support and sponsorship from *Blue Line Magazine*, presented the award until 2005 when the organization ceased to exist. *Blue Line Magazine* once again took up the cause of recognizing notable police leaders in 2011 with a search across Canada for suitable candidates.

This past year a total of nine nominations from across Canada were submitted to the panel for consideration. At the start of February the sorting and grading began and on March 7th Sergeant Marty Roy Singleton, the 2014 award recipient, was announced.

## JUDGES

This year's judging panel was co-ordinated by former Toronto Police Inspector Michael Sale. Judges on the panel included: York Regional Police Chief (ret.) Armand LeBarge; Royal Canadian Mounted Police Deputy Commissioner (ret.) Peter German; Halifax Regional Police Chief (ret.) Frank Beazley; Ontario Provincial Police Deputy Commissioner (ret.) Maurice Pilon.

## FORMER RECIPIENTS

- 1999 – Superintendent Bud Bechdolt – Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- 2000 – Deputy Chief Robert Kerr – Toronto Police Service
- 2001 – Sergeant Barry Gordon – Cape Breton Regional Police
- 2002 – Inspector Robert Taylor – Vancouver Police Department
- 2003 – Chief Superintendent Kate Lines – Ontario Provincial Police
- 2004 – Chief Edgar MacLeod – Cape Breton Regional Police
- 2005 – Constable Ojo Tewogbade – Toronto Police Service
- 2010 – Sergeant John Harris – Hamilton Police Service

- 2011 – Detective Sergeant Duncan MacIntyre – York Regional Police Service
- 2012 – Constable Randy Wood – Halifax Regional Police
- 2014 – Sergeant Marty Roy Singleton – Ontario Provincial Police

The award will be presented to Sgt Singleton at a special ceremony to be held on April 30, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Blue Line Expo Awards Dinner at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, ON.

**THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 06, 2014**

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## A York Regional Police officer is recovering at home after being pinned against his police vehicle by a disorientated driver.

At about 3:30 p.m. yesterday, an elderly man struck the Chevrolet Tahoe police cruiser.

A police source identified the injured officer as Const. Andrew Smockum, though the force has not officially confirmed that.

The officer, who was on traffic detail at the time, exited his vehicle, made eye contact with the other driver and checked out the damage.

Apparently disorientated, the driver backed into the officer, pinning him against the cruiser.

The force of the collision caused the officer's head to strike the car's rear windshield.

Once the vehicle relented, the officer was released, only to fall underneath the cruiser.

The officer was largely unscathed and is now recovering at home.

A 78-year-old driver from Vaughan has been charged with careless driving.  
(yorkregion.com)

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## OTTAWA - The Conservative government is asking the federal prison service to rethink funding cuts to a program that helps sex offenders from abusing more people.

Circles of Support and Accountability recently learned it would no longer receive \$2.2 million from the Correctional Service of Canada to help run 18 programs across the country.

Roxanne James, the Conservative parliamentary secretary for public safety, says minister Steven Blaney has asked the prison service to reconsider the decision.

When the Liberals raised the issue Wednesday in the House of Commons, Blaney suggested it was up to the Correctional Service to figure out how to best spend its money.

The government revealed its new approach today in response to a question from the NDP.

Ontario Conservative MP Harold Albrecht says on his Facebook page that he met with Blaney this week to express grave concerns about the cuts after learning of them from friends with the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario.

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## EDMONTON - Students at two Edmonton high schools are being encouraged to report offences to Crime Stoppers using their smartphones.

The pilot project lets students report offences like locker theft, drug trafficking, vandalism and sexual assault by anonymously texting Crime Stoppers.

Edmonton Police Const. Kendall Booth believes smartphone use will eliminate the stigma of being a "rat".

"As far as that issue with ratting out their friends, it's more of you're doing the right thing, you're protecting your community, you're protecting your school which is also your community," he said.

Grade 12 student Marie Bolianastz thinks that students will text their tips.

"It's anonymous so nobody knows that you're the one telling them," she said.

"It's not like they're gonna come back at you and start bullying you because you told on them."

About 2,800 students attend the two schools chosen for the pilot project.

The program will be evaluated at the end of the school year to see if it should be expanded.

(CBC News)

Mar 06 2014

## ESTEVAN - Estevan's new police chief brings a variety of experience from a 22-year career in Ontario.



Mayor Roy Ludwig announced at the March 3 meeting of Estevan City Council that Paul Ladouceur has agreed to become the new chief. Ladouceur has been a detective sergeant in Brockville, Ontario, a city of about 22,000 people outside of Ottawa.

Ladouceur told Lifestyles that he has always wanted to advance his career within policing, and a chief was the next step.

"When the opportunity came up in Estevan, I saw a lot of similarities between the Estevan police and the community we're in now of Brockville, Ontario, and the Brockville police," said Ladouceur.

Both communities are border towns, he said, and he has a lot of experience working with Canada Border Services Agency officers.

He also appreciates the size of Estevan, as he views himself as a small city person.

There aren't as many opportunities as there once were with smaller police services, either, he said.

Ladouceur replaces Del Block, whose final day of work was February 28. Block

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had been Estevan's chief for five years, and he was part of the Estevan Police Service for 38 years.

Ladouceur's first day as the chief will be April 14.

(Glacier Community Media)

Mar 06 2014

### **VANCOUVER - Vancouver has spent \$7.5 million improving pedestrian safety over the past two years, hoping to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities in the city to zero.**

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson announced Thursday morning that by the end of 2014, 44 priority locations will have completed safety improvements.

"One of the city's most important issues [is] making walking safe on our streets," he said. "We need to invest on the engineering side and make sure there's enforcement for those who are breaking the laws.

"As a city we have a big goal to have zero pedestrian fatalities in the future and there's no reason we can't achieve that."

Improvements have already been made at 30 of the priority locations to improve lighting and sidewalks, lower speed zones, lengthen crossing times and improve left-hand turns.

ICBC road safety director John Dickson said an average of 562 pedestrians are injured and an average of nine killed each year in Vancouver. So far, there have been no pedestrian fatalities in 2014, according to Vancouver police.

According to the Vancouver Police Traffic Section, 20 pedestrians died in 2005. The numbers have since decreased but pedestrians continue to make up the majority of road user deaths.

(Metro Vancouver)

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 07, 2014**

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### **TORONTO - A forensic pathologist who specializes in evaluating child maltreatment has been named Ontario's new chief coroner.**

Dr. Dirk Huyer takes over the top job after acting as the interim chief coroner since July 2013.

The province says he has investigated more than 5,000 deaths since becoming a coroner in 1992.

He rose through the ranks as regional supervising coroner for the regions of Peel and Halton, as well as the counties of Simcoe and Wellington, before joining the chief coroner's office in 2008.

The province says Huyer has expertise in medical evaluation of child maltreatment and has worked with a suspected child abuse and neglect program at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto.

Huyer is also an assistant professor with the pediatrics department at the University of Toronto medical school.

Mar 07 2014

### **HALIFAX - Lawyers for a group of disabled RCMP officers say they have reached a settlement with the federal government over disability payments that were clawed back.**

Lawyer Peter Driscoll of Halifax said Friday the proposed class-action settlement could total \$31 million, plus interest, if it's approved by the Federal Court.

The case involves about 1,000 disabled RCMP officers who had seen their long-term disability payments reduced by the amount they received every month in disability pension payments from the Veterans Affairs Department.

The proposed agreement also means the reduction would end for all RCMP veterans

now receiving benefits and Mounties who are medically released in the future.

Driscoll said his firm is pleased with the result of the settlement.

"We're glad we were able to come to a resolution that will end the offset once and for all, and see disabled members who were subject to the offset benefit from the terms of the settlement," he said in a statement.

The case was launched in 2008 by Gerard Buote, but was taken over by David White after Buote died from cancer the following year.

The Federal Court is scheduled to consider approval of the settlement in Halifax on June 20 and if approved, class members could receive their refund within six months of approval.

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a judge deemed harsh and unfair in a class-action lawsuit by military veterans.

About 8,000 wounded military veterans were awarded a \$887.8-million settlement after former army sergeant Dennis Manuge launched a class-action suit against Ottawa in 2007.

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**OTTAWA - A tweet from the Law Society of Manitoba says former Tory cabinet minister Vic Toews has been named to the province's Court of Queen's Bench.**



Toews has long been touted for a judicial appointment.

He was an MP from 2000 until his resignation last summer.

Toews was appointed justice minister in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first cabinet in 2007, became president of the Treasury Board in 2007 and was named minister of public safety in 2010.

He is also a former Manitoba cabinet minister.

During his time in the federal cabinet he earned a reputation as tough on law-and-order issues for championing Conservative justice causes like mandatory minimum sentences.

Mar 07 2014

**SURREY, B.C. - A former Mountie has been arrested on allegations of sexually assaulting eight boys when he coached minor sports in B.C. in the late 1970s and early '80s.**

The RCMP says 58-year-old Alan Davidson was arrested in Calgary at the sheriff's service, where he now works.

RCMP Supt. Brendan Fitzpatrick says the alleged assaults happened in Clearwater at a time when Davidson was a coach but before he joined the Mounties.

Fitzpatrick says investigators have searched dozens of minors sports rosters in three different provinces to identify other possible victims.

Fitzpatrick says Davidson began training as a Mountie in Regina in the 1980s and worked in B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan, and investigators believe he has not coached since about 2008.

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**EDMONTON - The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) is investigating an incident where an**

**Edmonton police officer was injured while attempting to arrest a male.**

On Thursday, EPS members attended a residence on 106 Street and 107 Avenue around 11:30 p.m.

Upon entering the suite, an altercation ensued before a man was arrested.

An EPS member suffered minor injuries during the altercation.

He was transported to hospital where it was later determined he had suffered a broken jaw. (CTV Edmonton)

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**A transport driver involved in a crash that killed an off-duty Ontario Provincial Police officer near Blind River faces a Highway Traffic Act charge.**

Const. David Dennie, 36, died when his Jeep was struck by a tractor trailer on Highway 17, one kilometre east of the community on Feb. 13.

Dennie was eastbound when the west-bound transport struck his vehicle.

No further details about the crash are being released by Ontario Provincial Police.

Gary Tyska, 61, of Thunder Bay, was charged with careless driving.

Maximum penalty, if convicted, is six months in jail.

An inspection of his rig by Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Provincial Police technical traffic reconstructionists and commercial motor vehicle officers prompted three other charges not related to the fatal crash.

Tyska faces equipment and daily inspection

charges under the Highway Traffic Act. A defect was not noted in a daily inspection, says Dionne. She declined to elaborate.

"That's going to come out in the courts," she said.

ABI Trucking, of Thunder Bay, faces a maintenance charge, also under HTA. The company is responsible for ensuring its driver does his daily reports.

Dennie, a native of Elliot Lake, started work at the Blind River detachment in 2002. He was a general law enforcement officer and emergency response team member. (Sault Star)

Mar 07 2014

**ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary is referring an allegation that its officers assaulted a man during an arrest to the RCMP for investigation.**

Police Chief Bill Janes says he received a formal request from Bradley Bartlett on Thursday asking for an investigation into his arrest, detention and alleged assault by police officers.

Bob Simmonds, Bartlett's lawyer, requested that a criminal investigation be handed over to an independent police agency.

Janes says each of the four officers named in Bartlett's complaint are still on active duty.

Police say Bartlett was arrested on allegations he had open liquor in public and was littering.

They say he was then charged with assaulting three officers and resisting arrest. (VOCM)

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**OTTAWA - A former RCMP officer and corporate security specialist is the newest federal appointee of the watchdog that keeps an eye on the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.**

Gene McLean, a private consultant who was once chief security officer for Telus Corp., joins three others on the Security Intelligence Review Committee, leaving it one member short of a full complement.

In its latest planning report to Parliament, tabled this week, the review committee says its effectiveness depends on having a full slate of five members.

Former MP Deborah Grey was named interim chairwoman of the review committee last year when Chuck Strahl stepped down amid questions about his lobbying activities.

A permanent chair has not been named.

Mar 07 2014

**LA RONGE, Sask. - Officials from a town and health region in northern Saskatchewan are considering suggestions from a coroner's inquest into the death of a man who had been in police custody.**

Walter Clinton McKenzie of Brabant Lake died in a Saskatoon hospital in September 2010.

McKenzie, who was 32, had been picked up by RCMP officers at the La Ronge Health Centre and taken into custody.

He was found unresponsive in his cell and was airlifted to the hospital, where he died the following day.

A six-member inquest jury heard that McKenzie had a blood alcohol level seven times the legal limit and was suffering from a brain injury.

The jury urged the health region to buy a hand-held brain scanner, so that doctors can check for neurological problems.

A pathologist testified that McKenzie died from a brain hemorrhage caused by blunt force trauma to his head. The injury happened some time before the police picked him up.

The jury also recommended that the town and health region work together to set up an overnight shelter that would employ medical caregivers to give homeless or intoxicated people a safe place to go.

The coroner's jury also advised the Mounties to take care to enforce their own policies about doing physical checks on prisoners.

(CJLR)

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**TORONTO - The Toronto Police Services Board will soon consider a policy of encouraging the public to film officers on duty.**

Board member Marie Moliner is raising the issue at the March 13 meeting, saying the policy is "timely" as the frequency of such recordings has increased.

"The purpose of the policy is to ensure that police officers do not unnecessarily impede the video recording or photography of police officers in the course of their duties," Moliner's recommendation reads.

She also recommends consulting with Chief Bill Blair about what procedures currently exist for training.

(Toronto Star)

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 08, 2014**

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**WEST VANCOUVER - A management crisis has reduced West Vancouver police brass to one remaining member, as a third executive officer stepped down on Friday.**

Insp. Barry Nickerson retired Friday, just three days after Insp. Mike Rattray retired.

Chief Const. Peter Lepine announced his retirement several weeks ago, on the day that The Province reported on plummeting confidence in leadership at the force and allegations of bullying and harassment.

West Vancouver mayor and police board chair Mike Smith says he will try to replace Lepine, whose contract ends in September, promptly. With the three retirements at the force, Deputy Chief Constable Jim Almas will be the only continuing member of WVPD brass, according to the department's website.

Nickerson joined the WVPD in 1983 after serving with the RCMP, according to his biography.

Smith will not comment on this week's two retirements, or his plans to install a new

The poster for the Blue Line Expo 2014 features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top, a red banner reads "NEW LOCATION Hwy 401 and Salem Road East". The main title "BLUE LINE expo 2014" is in a yellow oval. Below it, the text "CANADA'S PREMIERE LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENT" and "TRADESHOW • TRAINING • AWARDS GALA" is displayed. The dates "APRIL 29 & 30, 9AM - 4PM" and the location "AJAX CONVENTION CENTRE, 550 BECK CRESCENT, AJAX, ON" are listed. The website "WWW.BLUELINE.CA/EXPO" is at the bottom. A photo of the expo floor shows people at various booths. A red maple leaf graphic on the right says "18th ANNUAL". At the bottom, logos for sponsors "MEGGITT", "MITSUBISHI MOTORS", "St. John Ambulance", and "Ahearn & Soper Inc. AUTO ID SOLUTIONS" are shown.

management team. The Province could not reach Nickerson or Rattray this week, and spokespersons for the force were not available Saturday.

In The Province's exclusive report on Feb. 17, Mayor Smith promised he would make significant changes.

"Inappropriate activity clearly has happened," Smith said. "I can't deny it. You have the facts and I have the facts. I can make sure it doesn't happen again, and I can make sure the senior managers that we have in place will treat employees the way I want them to be treated."

The Province's story investigated complaints made by a number of current and former West Vancouver police employees — with allegations of sexual harassment, inappropriate racial language, and targeting of whistleblowers at WVPD. Speaking to the detailed allegations made by employees, Smith told The Province that "serious concerns need to be addressed" so that "there is absolutely no hint of harassment or sexual bullying or inappropriate behaviour by supervisors."

Meanwhile, in the past week WorkSafe B.C. has advised the West Vancouver police department that the force has proper policy and procedures in place to handle complaints of workplace harassment.

(The Province)

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 09, 2014**

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**The RCMP has retired a long standing part of its policing in Yukon.**



A Twin Otter aircraft has been replaced with newer plane. But, after 42 years in the territory, the Twin Otter known as "Mike Papa Lima", for its aircraft registration C-FMPL, leaves many memories behind.

"It has carried everything from emergency responders to new babies, from guns to groceries," says Inspector Ken Foster.

RCMP veterans are reminded of the plane taking them through searches and emergency calls in the worst of conditions. On one flight the plane took a direct lightning hit without much damage and no injuries to its pilot and passengers.

It rolled off a factory production line in Toronto in 1971 and arrived in Yukon a few months later. The RCMP says, since then, it has performed more than 23,000 take-offs and landings accumulating over 31,000 flight hours and covering over 4.75 million nautical miles.

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(CBC News)

## MONDAY MARCH 10, 2014

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**NAPANEE, Ont. - Three men face charges after demonstrators temporarily stopped all traffic on CN Rail tracks in eastern Ontario as part of a week-long protest calling for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.**

After first closing a local road on March 2, demonstrators vowed on Friday to step up their actions after a controversial parliamentary report into missing and murdered indigenous women rejected calls for a full public inquiry.

Activists blockaded the tracks Saturday morning in Napanee, east of Belleville, leading CN to issue a stop order and Via Rail cancelling trips using the busy Toronto to Ottawa corridor.

Provincial police moved in shortly after and arrested four people - one of whom was released without charges - while train service resumed by early Saturday afternoon.

Investigators also allege that on Saturday a man struck the window of an unmarked police cruiser, breaking the glass.

Among those facing charges is 49-year-old protest spokesman Shawn Brant of Tyendinaga Territory who faces two counts of mischief.

(The Canadian Press, APTN, CJOJ)

March 10 2014

**BRANTFORD - Deputy Chief Geoffrey Nelson couldn't be more excited by his recent appointment as Chief of the Brantford Police Service.**

"This is my community. I live here, my wife works here, my children were born and raised here," Nelson, who has held the position of deputy chief since 2011, said. "I really couldn't be happier."

Nelson, who will take up the position on June 1, replaces Chief Jeff Kellner. Kellner will retire from the Brantford Police Service on May 31.

After joining the Brantford Police Service's patrol section in 1990, Nelson was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the criminal investigation section. In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the operations branch, and in 2006 was promoted to the rank of inspector. As inspector, he held assignments as the officer in charge of the executive branch and administration branch.

Having spent his whole career working for the Brantford Police Service makes Nelson's new role even more special for him.

"I know how great the people are who are working in the police service," he said, noting how hard everyone in the department works.

"That's what instills me with pride."

As he transitions into the role of chief, Nelson's number one priority will be front-line community patrol, something the service has been focusing on for some time now.

"It's very important to me that (front line officers) have the tools they need to be able to be effective," he said.

Addiction and mental health are two other areas he plans to focus on.

When Nelson began his career with the Brantford Police Service, becoming the Chief of Police one day was not on the forefront of his mind.

"I've always just taken things one step at a time in my career," he said. "I've just enjoyed every step of the process."

(Brant News)

Mar 10 2014

**VANCOUVER - The RCMP officer who stunned Robert Dziekanski with a Taser the night the Polish immigrant died at Vancouver's airport has entered a plea of not guilty at the start of his perjury trial.**

Const. Kwesi Millington was charged along with three other officers for lying at a public inquiry that examined what happened when Dziekanski died at Vancouver's airport in October 2007.

Millington is accused of lying when he recalled what happened, and when he explained apparent discrepancies between what he wrote in his police notes and told investigators and what happened on an amateur video of the incident.

His trial is scheduled to begin in Vancouver, though it has started with an application by Millington's lawyer.

At the start of the hearing, Millington stood as the accusations were read to him, and he responded with a plea of not guilty.

Last year, a judge acquitted Const. Bill Bentley after concluding the Crown had failed to prove he lied at the inquiry or that the officers worked together on a story.

Mar 10 2014

**PORT BOLSTER, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog is investigating following a collision between a police cruiser and a snowmobile in the Port Bolster area on the south shore of Lake Simcoe.**

York regional police say an officer patrolling on Clovelly Cove stopped a snowmobile for an investigation early Sunday, but the snowmobiler drove away as the officer approached.

The officer returned to his vehicle and searched the area, locating the snowmobile on a nearby street prior to it colliding with the cruiser.

A 55-year-old man from Cannington was arrested for failing to stop for police and impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and was taken to hospital.

The officer was not injured in the collision and the Special Investigations Unit is now probing the incident.

## TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2014

Mar 11 2014

**In a case of impaired judgement, officers have charged a 30-year-old man with Impaired Driving and Over 80mg after he was seen driving into the parking lot at #4 District in Vaughan, then demanding a place to sleep for the night.**

On Monday, March 10, 2014, at approximately 11:30 p.m., an officer observed a white, 4-door Honda Civic that was travelling on Melville Avenue, enter the parking lot at #4 District, located at 2700 Rutherford Road. The car pulled into the visitor parking area and the lone male occupant entered the police station through the front doors.

Once inside, the man became belligerent, demanding that officers provide him with a place to sleep for the night. During the rant, officers could smell alcohol coming from the man's breath. The officer that had observed the man driving then attended the front desk to speak with him further. Shortly thereafter, the man was arrested for impaired driving.

After providing a sample of his breath, which was over two times the legal limit of .08, the man was provided with a place to sleep for the night.

(YRP News Release)

Mar 11 2014

**TORONTO - Toronto police had to grab onto the ankles of a fleeing suspect and yank the man to safety after he jumped from a sixth floor window in his attempt to get away.**

Police say they were called to an apartment on Monday and found the man had tried to enter the home contrary to a court order.

They say a woman refused to allow him into the apartment but he forced his way in, locked the door and allegedly assaulted her woman by kicking, punching and choking her.

The woman was able to scream for help, eventually broke free and opened the door for police.

Once inside the apartment, police say they confronted the man who then tried to get away by jumping from the window.

Police say officers were able to grab him by his ankles as he fell, preventing him from crashing to the ground below.

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**EDMONTON - A man who was shot four times as he stabbed an Edmonton police dog has been denied a judicial review.**

Kirk Steele was challenging a judge's decision not to let him take the police officer who fired at him to court.

Steele was shot in July 2006 as he was trying to run from police, who had set the dog named Wizzard after him.

Steele's gunshot wounds were so severe

he lost a kidney and an adrenal gland.

He attempted to file a rare private prosecution against Wizzard's handler, Bruce Edwards, who was a constable at the time.

When he was denied, Steele claimed the court was biased against him, so he sought a judicial review in a bid to continue the case. (CHED, The Canadian Press)

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**TORONTO - Contrary to popular belief, consumer fraud is not more prevalent among seniors, research suggests, and in fact older people may end up being victimized by scammers less often than those of younger years.**

Social psychologist Michael Ross, a professor emeritus at the University of Waterloo, said studies by neuroscientists and psychologists have long suggested that older people may be more susceptible to fraud because of poorer memories and more trusting natures.

"But in these studies, they never actually assess consumer fraud," Ross said in an interview Tuesday.

"In study after study, what these researchers are showing is that older people have a potential vulnerability to consumer fraud. But they're not looking at whether in the real world, consumer fraud is more prevalent among older people.

"What you're showing is vulnerability, you're not showing actual prevalence."

Ross said the idea that seniors are more likely to fall prey to tricksters has also been perpetuated by policing agencies, including the FBI.

That U.S. agency, he said, suggests that people who grew up in the 1940s and '50s were raised in a "kinder and gentler" time that makes them more trusting and less able to say no to possibly dicey financial propositions, such as "miracle" diet pills or the need for a new roof or other home renovation.

Not only is that a vast generalization, but it assumes that people don't change over their lifetime, he said.

More than 13,200 Canadians reported to police that they'd been victims of mass-marketing scams last year, resulting in an overall loss of almost \$58 million, says the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. That amount is thought to be only a fraction of the actual total, as such crimes are typically vastly under-reported.

In his study, Ross used a number of data sources to assess whether seniors are more often conned out of money by fraudsters compared to other age groups.

Among those sources were nine surveys, most from the U.S., which asked respondents representing all adult age groups about their experiences with consumer fraud. The surveys showed that older people reported less fraud compared with younger age groups, he said.

Looking at annual complaints compiled by the U.S. Consumer Sentinel Network, Ross found that seniors are less likely to contact the FBI, the Better Business Bureau or other agencies about being a victim of fraud than were younger adults.

"And in recent years, middle-aged adults are

the most likely to complain about fraud," he said.

An examination of victim lists gathered by prosecutors shows that different types of scams tend to target different age groups. For instance, one study found young adults were more often affected by online fraud, while middle-aged adults were more likely to be caught up in dating scams.

For seniors, the most common type of fraud was a prepayment scam - such as being told they have won a \$10,000 lottery but need to pay a certain fee before their full prize can be claimed.

"I think there's an old-age stereotype that suggests that older people are weaker and more gullible," said Ross. Yet research shows that seniors overall are more careful about spending their money, make fewer

large purchases and are generally risk-averse - making them less likely to be defrauded.

"I'm not prepared at this point to shout from the rooftops that consumer fraud is less prevalent among older people. There are a variety of reasons to suspect that it might be," he said.

"But I also want to say very firmly and clearly that there's no evidence that it's more prevalent, which seems to be the conventional wisdom and the psychological wisdom."

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**TORONTO - Backers of a technology billed as the 21st century version of the milk carton are trying to get more Canadians to sign up to receive information designed to help locate missing children.**



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By registering for Milk Carton 2.0 (www.valuableproject.ca), participants authorize the Missing Children Society of Canada to post Amber Alerts to their social media accounts - Facebook, Twitter or Foursquare.

The alerts will only be posted when a child in the region they've signed up for goes missing, and the society says there's no spam, no newsletter or anything that will require filtering.

At this point, both Quebec and Alberta have more sign-ups than Ontario, but users can select an option for all of Canada or regions instead of a specific province.

Grey Canada says if a child's information was sent to all of its current users, it would have a potential reach of more than one million people, and millions more if those people share the information.

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### **EDMONTON - Two Edmonton police officers fired for lying on the job have lost appeals of an Edmonton Police Commission decision that saw them suspended without pay in the last months of their jobs.**

In June 2012, Const. Adam Kube was suspended without pay during an internal investigation into his conduct, a decision confirmed by the police commission a month later.

In May 2013, in an unrelated case, Const. Frank Quaidoo was also suspended without pay due to an internal investigation. The decision was made by Chief Rod Knecht and supported by the commission.

Both officers were eventually fired for deceit.

In February, both officers asked the Court of Queen's Bench to quash the commission's decisions to suspend them without pay. The court denied both of them.

In August 2011, Kube sold his motorcycle to a woman and then cancelled his insurance policy. When the woman who bought the motorcycle was pulled over in a traffic stop in October 2011, she called Kube, who went to the scene. He provided the cancelled insurance card to an investigator and identified himself as a police officer in an effort to prevent the woman from receiving a ticket because he was romantically interested in her.

"I find that it was not unreasonable for the Commission to have concluded that Cst. Kube's deceit could justify relief from duty without pay," wrote Court of Queen's Bench Justice Kenneth Nielsen in his decision.

Quaidoo was fired for punching a handcuffed suspect in the head, then lying about it to protect himself.

"Const. Quaidoo's deceit was found to have been wilful, premeditated and designed to shield him from the consequences of his unauthorized use of force on a detained individual," the court decision reads. "He not only lied in various contexts in the course of

the investigation, but he also tried to persuade a colleague to falsify his paperwork."

As in Kube's case, Neilsen found that it was reasonable for the commission to have suspended Quaidoo without pay.

(Edmonton Journal)

Mar 11 2014

### **EDMONTON - An Edmonton police officer who lied about needing a bereavement leave in order to go on vacation has received a reduction in rank, amounting to a loss of about \$30,000 in pay.**

Last November, Const. Marty Franco pleaded guilty to charges of deceit under the Police Act. The charges surfaced when Franco was attempting to get time off from testifying at a trial in the summer of 2012.

Franco told Crown prosecutors there had been a death in the family — six weeks in advance — so he was excused. Further inquiries, however, revealed Franco had in fact lied to the Crown about the death and was going to be taking a family trip instead.

The matter was brought to his attention internally, where he met with a superior officer and failed to acknowledge that he mentioned a bereavement to the Crown.

Sgt. Tony Simioni, president of the Edmonton Police Association, said Franco was going through some issues at the time from being involved in two high-profile serious critical incidents that lead to an investigation by the Alberta Serious Incident Response (ASIRT) team.

"He felt he absolutely needed the time off and used a less than conventional means to do it," said Simioni, adding the sentence is firm and stiff.

"It needs to be a lesson learned not only for him, but all other police officers that when there is deceit involved, you run the real risk of losing your job...or significant financial penalty."

During the sentencing hearing on Monday, Franco was demoted from a fifth year officer to a third. Simioni said Franco is "okay with it" and he's "going to accept it and move on."

(Sun Media)

Mar 11 2014

### **HALIFAX - There are no grounds to lay criminal charges in the death of a man who stopped breathing while in RCMP custody last year in Nova Scotia, the province's police watchdog said Tuesday.**

However, the Serious Incident Response Team said in a statement that the two Mounties who placed the unconscious man in the cell may not have followed RCMP policy.

"While the actions of the jail guard were reasonable, by placing the man in the cell while unconscious the two RCMP officers may have breached RCMP policy by not seeking further medical attention," it said.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Al LeBlanc said the force is reviewing the findings, and has no comment yet on whether a breach of policy occurred.

The team says the 40-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and placed in a cell at the Liverpool detachment just before 1

a.m. on July 9 after being found lying in a road.

About 30 minutes later, the team said the civilian jail guard became concerned about the man's health and called for help from the two Mounties, who were out on a call.

The team said the man had stopped breathing and CPR was performed when the Mounties returned around 2 a.m. The man was taken to hospital by paramedics where he was pronounced dead about 40 minutes later.

The team said its investigation found the man had purposely taken an overdose of morphine and alcohol in order to commit suicide.

Even if the RCMP officers breached protocol, the team said it is not enough to warrant charges in this case.

"However, to be a criminal offence the officers' actions must have caused the man's death and must have been a mistake that was a marked departure from what reasonably should have been done in these circumstances," the statement said.

"The medical examiner concluded it would be speculative to say earlier medical attention would have saved the man's life. As well, the investigation found that any error the officers may have made was not significant enough in this case to be a marked departure from what was expected."

Mar 11 2014

### **TORONTO - Councillor Michael Thompson is taking the Toronto Police Services Board to court, accusing it of trying to silence criticism of Chief Bill Blair.**



Almost a month after the board voted to ask the province to investigate Thompson's public comments about Blair and urged him not to participate in matters related to the chief, the vice-chairman of the police board has launched an application for judicial review to quash the decision.

Thompson's lawyers Clayton Ruby and Gerald Chan unveiled details about the application on Tuesday and accused the board of trying to "silence criticism of Chief Blair and protect his contract renewal."

According to the judicial review application, police board members Dr. Dhun Noria and Marie Moliner complained about Thompson's comments published in the media last month about Toronto Police strip search practices and overspending along with confirming that he would not support renewing Blair's contract.

The application states Thompson was advised by the police board legal counsel not to attend the meeting on Feb. 13 — a day after

the complaint was made — and not provided a copy of the complaint.

“Even more Kafkaesque, the two complainants were allowed to attend the meeting and vote on their own complaint,” the lawyers’ press release states. “With a quorum of four (two of whom were the complainants), the board decided that Councillor Thompson ‘appears’ to have ‘potentially’ breached the Code of Conduct.”

The letter sent to Thompson advising him of the board’s decision urged him not to participate in matters related to Blair.

“The board urges you to not participate in any matters which may pertain to personnel, legal or contractual issues involving the personal interest of Chief Blair, as opposed to the organizational interests of the Toronto Police Service,” states the letter, signed by police board members Andy Pringle and Councillor Mike Del Grande.

In his judicial review application, Thompson is asking the courts to throw out the board’s decision and prohibit the Ministry of the Solicitor General from investigating.

“Simply put, it cannot be a violation of the Code of Conduct to criticize the chief of police,” the lawyers state. “To say that this is potentially a breach, as the board has done, is to stifle public debate, violate free expression, and undermine the board’s own mandate of exercising vigorous civilian oversight of the Toronto Police.”

(Toronto Sun)

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2014

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**KABUL, Afghanistan - Canada’s flag comes down today over the military mission in Kabul and the last troops will soon be out of the country.**

Graeme Smith, an analyst with the International Crisis Group, says the departure of almost all NATO troops this year means Afghan forces will fight on alone, but will still need significant financial backing from the West.

Smith says western forces are leaving a security, economic and humanitarian mess.

Britain’s top military commander says the departure of the last Canadian troops from Afghanistan will no doubt prompt a lot of reflection.

But General Sir Nick Houghton, whose troops will stay until the end of the year, says no one should rush to judgment.

In an interview with The Canadian Press, Houghton said the objective of expelling al-Qaida was achieved, but the public narrative was hijacked towards nation-building.

He says that’s where it becomes less clear cut.

Mar 12 2014

**MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - A provincial police officer faces a dangerous driving charge after an investigation by Ontario’s police watchdog.**

The Special Investigations Unit found that on Sept. 14 last year, OPP officers tried to stop a vehicle being driven by a 29-year-old man in Plympton-Wyoming, east of Sarnia.

The vehicle didn’t stop and went into a

ditch, leaving a 25-year-old woman who was a passenger with a serious injury.

The SIU says OPP Const. Kevin Brown of the Lambton detachment is facing one charge of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

The officer is set to appear in a Sarnia court on April 28.

## THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2014

Mar 13 2014

**MONTREAL - An ex-Montreal police investigator has pleaded guilty to a charge of gangsterism for selling sensitive information to criminal bikers.**

Benoit Roberge entered the plea in a Montreal courtroom this morning.

He also pleaded guilty to breach of trust as he broke down in tears and apologized for his actions.

Roberge originally faced four charges - one of obstructing justice, one of breach of trust and two related to gangsterism.

Crown and defence attorneys are recommending a sentence of eight years. A judge will hand down the sentence on April 4.

Roberge is a former organized crime investigator who frequently testified as an expert on the Hells Angels at their criminal trials.

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