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A real-life comic book hero



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EDMONTON - For almost 100 years, Alex Decoteau was known as Canada's first aboriginal police officer, an Olympic athlete, and a war hero who died for his country when he was just 29.

Since last week, he's become known as a real-life comic book hero.

Decoteau is the subject of the first issue of Legacy of Heroes, a digital comic book series produced by the Edmonton Police Service, aimed at telling the community about the remarkable people and events that are part of its history.

Decoteau was hired by the city police as a constable in 1909 and made a sergeant in 1914. During this time he won most major middle or long distance races in Western

Canada and represented Canada at the Olympics in Stockholm in 1912.

He enlisted with the Canadian Army in 1916, and was killed by a sniper in 1917, during the Second Battle of Passchendaele.

The comic was posted online Wednesday, but debuted last week as a special print edition of 3,000 copies that was distributed to students who attended the last public hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission delving into the sordid legacy of Canada's native residential schools.

Most were unaware of Decoteau and his amazing albeit short life which included growing up in a residential school in Saskatchewan, and immediately struck a resonating chord with participants.



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The idea for the comic, believed to be the first of its kind, came from the service's digital media unit which maintains its websites.

"Two of my guys — Jeff Awid, a storyteller and Jared Robinson, an illustrator — wanted a different way of communicating to the public and there were so many cool stories that we've heard internally while working here, that we wanted to share, and this is kind of an interesting way to do it," said Michael James, who supervises the civilian unit.

"We're kind of focusing on kids but, of course, everyone is a kid at heart. It kind of rings true with everybody to just know the story, in this case, the story of Alex Decoteau and what he's done."

The comic had been in production since last summer and wasn't intended to be launched during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's four days in Edmonton, "but it actually made a lot of sense for us to use the TRC as a place for the printed versions to go.

"We gave them 3,000 to distribute and they came back and said we need another box," James said Thursday.

Future comics in the series will likely focus on some of the stories from the canine unit, the first use of an airplane during a police man-hunt, and Const. Ezio Faraone who was shot dead while on duty in 1990.

"We're looking at doing this quarterly because it's something that takes a bit of time to do," James said "The stories are endless so there's lots of heroes and cool stories to pick from."

Topics will be selected with feedback from a historical committee, some long-serving police members, and from the department's historical book, EPS The First 100 Years, A History of the Edmonton Police Service.

"We're looking at printing more editions in response to requests from schools for printed copies, but the intent is for a digital edition," James said.

(Edmonton Journal)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 02, 2014

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CALGARY - They packed revolvers, drove squad cars with a single red light on top, and didn't allow women on regular patrol duties — and when Milton started with Calgary Police in 1969, concepts like Checkstops, bulletproof vests, DNA evidence and photo radar were still years away.

Sgt. Milton, or "Uncle Miltie" as he's fondly known, has finally retired after a staggering 45 years with the Calgary Police Service, a record that makes him the longest serving officer in the force's 129-year history.

He joined at 21, having topped the 5-foot-10 height requirement by two inches, and was immediately sent to patrol the streets, where a typical shift might include rounding up troublesome drunks around the boozy hotels of east downtown, and checking local business for signs of break-in.

"You had to go around checking on property, making sure the buildings were secure — you'd shake doorknobs," said Milton.

"And being on foot, you could sneak up on the bad guys and surprise them."

Until he hung up his badge at the end of January, 66-year-old Milton was working in District 3 in north Calgary, still loving each day he spent with a group of co-workers he calls as close as family, with a shared sense of humour and camaraderie at odds with a very serious role.

But his record-setting career almost ended before it really got started.

Milton says his closest call came when he and another rookie were responding to a domestic dispute.

A boot to the back door would usually be followed by cops storming inside, but this day, there happened to be a canine team too — and a decision was made to let the police dog go first.

It was a fortuitous choice, because the dog immediately attacked a man hidden on the other side of a couch, where he'd been crouched with a loaded rifle, waiting for the police to appear.

"That was about the closest it ever got for me," said Milton, who married the year after joining the force.

Of course, to have started when the Beatles were still a band meant watching Calgary's police force transform.

Milton says officers certainly changed, both in knowledge of the Criminal Code and physically — "you have to be a lot fitter now" — but rapidly improving technology is the most dramatic switch from the lo-fi days of old.

Computers, forensics, non-lethal weapons, helicopters and night vision: the list goes on and on, and Milton says the job of being a police officer is getting more technical by the day.

"All we had when I started was a call box," he said.

If he has a fondness for Calgary back when only 370,000 people lived here, it's that criminals weren't very sophisticated either.

Milton says his early days were marked by robberies and a small vice scene, with the drugs of the day being marijuana and heroin.

And he says the job was a little more relaxed back then, without cameras and video watching an officer's every move.

Milton recalls one night when his partner decided to scare a fleeing robber into stopping, firing his gun into the air three times, before yelling that bullet number four was aimed at the suspect.

A street full of witnesses watched as the terrified bandit surrendered — yet not a peep of the rogue arrest was ever made public.

"It didn't even make the newspaper," said Milton.

(Calgary Sun)

THURSDAY APRIL 03, 2014

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RED DEER, Alta. - Alberta Mounties had to bum a ride with a snowmobiler to chase a stolen tractor through snowy fields east of Red Deer.

Blackfalds RCMP got a call about a break and enter at a rural address where firearms and other items were stolen, and then got another call about a stolen John Deere 6400 tractor with a front-end bucket being driven away across the fields.

Police gave chase after stopping a snowmobiler and being offered a ride, following the tractor as it crashed through farmers' fences and stands of trees.

Finally, the driver at the wheel of the stolen farm implement, while trying to evade police, stalled it while trying to go up a hill.

When he tried to back up, he lost control and rolled the tractor.

The driver was not injured but was taken into custody.

FRIDAY APRIL 04, 2014

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MONTREAL - An ex-Montreal police officer was given an eight-year prison term Friday for selling sensitive intelligence to criminal bikers in what a judge described as a betrayal of the justice system.

Quebec court Judge Robert Marchi agreed with a joint Crown-defence recommendation that Benoit Roberge be sentenced to four years each for breach of trust and gangsterism, with the two to be served consecutively.

Marchi said he considered the maximum sentence of 10 years but deemed the recommendation reasonable.

But the judge had harsh for Roberge.

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"The accused, with his actions, ruined his own life, but worse, and more sadly, that of his family," Marchi said. "He betrayed his family, he betrayed his friends, he betrayed the trust of his colleagues."

"He betrayed the justice system."

With time already spent in detention, Roberge, 50, has seven years and three months left.

He must serve half of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

The Crown said Roberge sold information to the Hells Angels, ultimately pocketing about \$125,000 between October 2012 and March 2013. The money has mostly been returned to authorities.

A tearful Roberge explained during his guilty plea last month that he'd been threatened into co-operating with the gang and had made a mistake by not reporting it to his superiors. He explained the threat came in a single phone call and that he had mere moments to make a decision.

But Marchi said in his ruling that he didn't put a lot of stock in Roberge's explanation, given he continued selling information over several months.

The biker with whom Roberge was associating, Rene Charlebois, committed suicide last year after escaping from a minimum-security jail.

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

The case centred around recordings of conversations between Charlebois and Roberge that surfaced after the biker's suicide last Sept. 26. He'd been on the lam for 12 days from a minimum-security prison and took his own life as police moved in to capture him.

A third party, whose identity is protected by a publication ban, made police aware of the tapes and gave them certain information about the nine recordings.

Roberge was arrested in an elaborate sting operation as he tried to retrieve the recordings.

Roberge officially retired from the Montreal police last August after a 28-year career. He worked for the province's tax agency but was fired after his arrest.

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BRAMPTON, Ont. - Peel Region police say an officer who was shot at a Toronto-area courthouse last week has been released from hospital.

Const. Mike Klarenbeek, 53, was on security duty at the courthouse in Brampton, Ont., on March 28, when a man walked in and opened fire.

The 30-year veteran of the Peel police force spent the last week at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto but was sent home Friday to further recover from his injuries.

His wife released a statement on behalf of the family thanking people for their support, especially doctors and nurses at Sunnybrook, who she says provided "excellent medical care" for her husband.

The family and Peel police say Klarenbeek

would like privacy while he recovers and won't be giving any interviews.

The Special Investigations Unit has identified the man who shot Klarenbeek as Charnjit Singh Bassi, 45, of Brampton. He was fatally shot by police at the scene.

Apr 04 2014

VANCOUVER - Four British Columbia municipal police officers were fired last year for offences ranging from cocaine use to using the services of a prostitute.

A recent report by the province's Police Complaints Commission says the office opened 1,091 files in 2013 and closed 845.

Of the 88 complaints investigated by the of-

fice that oversees municipal police forces in the province, 74 were substantiated, another four were mediated and 207 were resolved informally.

One officer of the New Westminster police force was fired for associating with a known drug trafficker, and another was fired for unauthorized searches of police databases for information he then shared with an unauthorized person.

An Abbotsford officer was fired for lying about an off-duty accident in an unmarked police vehicle.

And a member of the Vancouver Police Department was dismissed for unauthorized database searches, associating with criminals and using the services of a prostitute.

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EDMONTON - Flippant callers to Edmonton's 911 centres now face five-digit fines for repeatedly and deliberately straining emergency service operators with non-emergency complaints.

Despite seeing a drop in the total number of 911 calls made last year, Edmonton police reported an increase in the number of 2013 911 calls made deemed non-emergency.

With stories of chronic callers calling 911 operators upwards of 100 a day or calling to inform police a pizza place that won't deliver, EPS now has new teeth to deal with frivolous callers: the Emergency 911 Act.

According to EPS Sgt. Mitch Liwczak, the act will give police a chance to penalize callers who abuse the system.

"Even though our 911 actual incoming calls went down by roughly 19,000, we had an increase of a little over 39,000 (911 calls) that were non-emergency," said Liwczak.

Under the act, which came into force April 1 enforcement services will be able to fine repeat offenders, which also implements a new cell phone levy for 911 calls.

First offenders will face a \$5,000 fine, while repeat offenders could be fined up to \$10,000.

Alberta Municipal Affairs spokesperson Rosemary Waters said the act wouldn't penalize people for pocket dials, which accounts for a large number of unnecessary calls to 911 operators.

While the act gives police new opportunities to crack down on 911-abusers, Liwczak said it's not meant to scare people.

"The people who are legitimately calling 911, should call 911," he said. "But there's a certain element of society out there that needs to appreciate if they keep doing what they're doing, they are going to end up getting charged."

(Metro Edmonton)

MONDAY
APRIL 07, 2014

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A police chase that began at a video game store break-in in Thornhill, north of Toronto, and ended 90 kilometres away in Hamilton ran so long that both police and the suspect car had to stop for gas.

Police say the long chase began at an EB Games location at 11 Disca Dr. in Thornhill, near Bathurst and Centre streets.

With the help of a police helicopter, two suspects were seen leaving the scene and fleeing in a vehicle.

The helicopter tailed the suspects from above as police vehicles kept pace. Police say the suspect vehicle reached speeds of up to

180 kilometres an hour.

The chase went across the GTA in a southwesterly direction, from Thornhill to Milton, and eventually ended in Hamilton, where police say the car was abandoned.

Police tell CBC News they know the identity of the man who was driving the car, but so far there is no word on arrests or charges.

Police are reviewing surveillance video from one of the gas stations where the driver stopped.

Police recovered the vehicle, which was loaded with store merchandise and registered to a Mississauga address.

(CBC News)

Apr 07 2014

OTTAWA - Allowing people to refuse to testify against their spouses is an "obstacle" to getting at the truth in a court of law, says Justice Minister Peter MacKay.

Currently, under the Canada Evidence Act, spouses can refuse to testify against their partners except in certain specific cases such

as sexual assaults or those involving children.

Legislation introduced last week by the Harper government would remove that right.

MacKay defended the move Monday at a victims of crime conference in Ottawa, calling the provision outdated.

He said courts need to compel testimony from all witnesses of crime, including spouses.

"We do not feel that spousal immunity should present an obstacle to bringing important evidence before a court of competent jurisdiction," said MacKay.

"We feel that in cases of murder, in cases of terrorism, serious fraud, if a spouse has important evidence that the court needs to consider, that evidence should be there."

The proposed new Canadian Victims Bill of Rights would also allow witnesses to testify anonymously in certain cases.

Critics complain that such a provision goes against the constitutional right of a person charged with a crime to face their accuser.

But MacKay said he has no problem with removing that right if it protects victims, particularly children or victims of sexual crimes.

"Not if it prevents further victimization," he said.



CPC Discussion Paper Series

Publication of The CPC Discussion Paper Series Vol. 1: "The Prince Albert Hub, and the emergence of collaborative risk-driven community safety"- McPhee and Taylor, April 2014

The Canadian Police College (CPC) and its partners are pleased to announce the official release of the first in a series of Discussion Papers on Change and Innovation in Canadian Policing. "The Prince Albert Hub, and the emergence of collaborative risk driven community safety" by former police chief Dale Mc Fee and management consultant Norman Taylor, is an informative description of the philosophy, process and structure of an innovative multi-agency community problem-solving model successfully pioneered by the authors in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. The paper provides readers with an accessible and timely overview of this promising new evidence-based approach to preventative policing and community safety that is currently being introduced by a number of Canadian police services.

The CPC discussion paper series was developed in response to the challenges facing contemporary Canadian policing and the lack of accessible knowledge and research on relevant policing change and innovation issues and strategies. To address this, subject area experts were invited to summarize the latest thinking, research and innovative practice on selected change and innovation topics of particular relevance to Canadian policing. The discussions papers will provide the Canadian public safety community with useful information, and will hopefully stimulate further discussion and interest in exploring issues relevant to the future of policing and public safety.

In the coming months a series of discussion papers will be released on topics such as: tiered policing models, the economics of policing in Canada and sustainable policing options, historical patterns of economy and policing change and the evolution of Canadian policing and progressive change. More information and copies of the discussion papers are available at www.cpc-ccp.gc.ca/en/cpclibrary/Discussion

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"And we feel on balance that courts, judges, will be in a position to weigh that consideration carefully."

The changes are part of a sweeping government bill that codifies the rights of victims.

Under the new provisions included in Bill C-32, victims will be able to request a copy of a bail order, a probation order or the details of a conditional release.

Victims will also have the right to have the courts consider making a restitution order in all cases and to have such orders registered as a civil court judgment against the offender if the money isn't paid.

The federal Conservatives have long complained that the justice system places too much emphasis on the rights of the accused, rather than the people impacted by crimes.

Apr 07 2014

EDMONTON - The head of Alberta's RCMP has announced where some of the province's 40 new officers will be stationed.

The Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre in Calgary and the Zebra Child Protection Centre in Edmonton are each getting one Mountie full time.

Commanding Officer Marianne Ryan says officers in the past have worked closely with city police at both centres and it's important for them to be on site full time.

She says some Mounties will be assigned to emergency response duties to help with natural disasters, such as the extensive flooding that hit southern Alberta last year.

The government announced the 40 new positions in the provincial budget last month as part of its \$227-million policing contract with the RCMP.

Last year, the province spent \$214 million on the RCMP, which added 26 officers to the force.

Apr 07 2014

OTTAWA - A new study by the Mental Health Commission of Canada suggests the "housing first" approach to battling homelessness is showing real results.

The report, details of which were obtained by The Canadian Press, shows more than 2,000 homeless Canadians diagnosed with mental illness have found stable housing in all regions of the country over a two-year period.

The At Home-Chez Soi program, created in 2008 following a \$110-million investment from the federal government, has proven effective for people from diverse cultural backgrounds and circumstances.

The study suggests it has also been cost-effective, with every \$10 invested resulting in cost savings of almost \$22.

The Mental Health Commission of Canada is officially releasing the report Tuesday in Ottawa.

Apr 07 2014

Justice Minister Peter MacKay says he will introduce new prostitution legislation this spring that aims to protect and help those who've been forced into the sex trade.

"We know there is tremendous violence and vulnerability associated with prostitution. Prostitutes are predominately victims.

"They have very much in some cases run out of options before entering this particular pursuit and with that in mind, our focus is going to be on protecting the vulnerable," said MacKay, speaking to reporters Monday outside an event marking National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

Canada's top court struck down three prostitution laws in December and gave the

federal government one year to draft something new.

Since then, the Department of Justice launched and completed online consultations with the public. It also asked Canadian police for input. CBC News has reported that, even among Canada's chiefs of police, there is little consensus on how to regulate the sex trade.

"There's an enormous range of opinion and that has again been instructive in trying to find the right balance. We are very much tasked with threading a needle here," said MacKay Monday.

MacKay added that his department has examined several regulatory regimes outside Canada, including the so-called Nordic model, which has been touted by many groups.

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In Sweden, Iceland and Norway, selling sex is legal but purchasing it is not. Police in those jurisdictions focus their attention on the activities of pimps and johns.

But MacKay described the forthcoming bill as a uniquely Canadian solution.

"There is no simple answer to a question as complex as prostitution.

"Suffice it to say that we are focusing - and will be focusing in this legislation - on not only acting in the best interests of the vulnerable and Canadians, but also there will need to be support mechanisms outside the legislation in order to help people to transition out of the sex trade," MacKay said.

(CBC News)

Apr 07 2014

CALGARY - Calgary police say an internal investigation has been launched after an officer at the scene of an emergency call accidentally discharged his shotgun.

Police say the bullet was fired into the ground and no one was injured.

However, protocol requires the homicide unit to be called in to assist with an administrative review conducted by the Professional Standards Section.

During the review, the weapon will also be thoroughly examined.

The officer involved, who has five years experience, was stationed outside a house where officers had been called to a report of an assault in progress.

Police believed at the time there might be firearms in the residence.

In total, nine people who were coming and going from the home were taken into custody. Three were wanted on outstanding warrants and breaches, and another faces charges after drugs were found in her possession.

TUESDAY
APRIL 08, 2014

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RED DEER, Alta. - A pilot project in Red Deer, Alta., to protect victims of domestic violence will continue to get provincial funding.

Over the past three years, the project has kept track of domestic violence offenders through the use of GPS-equipped bracelets which would alert the RCMP if they breached conditions.

A number of women who have been participating in the program expressed concerns recently about it coming to an end.

But Alberta Solicitor General Jonathan Denis issued a statement Monday saying that after listening to the women, the monitoring will continue until after a review of the findings expected this summer.

Ian Wheeliker, executive director of the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter, says the plan is to extend the program for six months.

The University of Calgary is expected to submit a research report on the project to the province in June.

(Global Edmonton)

Apr 08 2014

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union's top court on Tuesday dealt a blow to law-enforcement agencies' spying on phone and internet records, saying the lives of citizens should not be "the subject of constant surveillance."

The European Court of Justice scrapped EU legislation allowing the indiscriminate collection of such communication data in crime-fighting efforts, finding that the rules were too broad and offered too few privacy safeguards.

"The judgment finds that untargeted monitoring of the entire population is unacceptable," said T.J. McIntyre, chairman of Digital Rights Ireland, who filed the original lawsuit.

Other rights groups also hailed a landmark victory for privacy, but governments stressed they still need to access phone records to prevent or investigate serious crimes such as terrorism.

"Data retention for the purpose of investigating serious crimes is necessary and that remains the case," German Interior Minister

Thomas de Maiziere said after the ruling, urging quick agreement on more narrowly defined new legislation.

Tuesday's verdict nullifies the EU data retention directive, rendering national laws very vulnerable to local court challenges.

The 2006 legislation required telecommunication firms to store phone calls or some online communication records for at least six months and up to two years. The data typically reveals who was involved in the communication, where it originated, when and how often - but not its content.

Still, the Luxembourg-based court ruled the legislation provided "very precise information on private lives," including daily habits and social relationships that represented a "particularly serious interference with fundamental rights."

The court said the rules must be narrowed down to ensure any privacy infringement will be restricted to "what is strictly necessary" for fighting serious crimes.

Apr 08 2014

OTTAWA - An Ottawa police officer has been found guilty of discreditable



Série de documents de réflexion du CCP

Publication de la série de documents de réflexion du CCP Vol. 1 : Le carrefour de Prince Albert et la transition vers une stratégie de sécurité communautaire axée sur la collaboration et la détermination des risques, McPhee et Taylor, avril 2014

Le Collège canadien de police (CCP) et ses partenaires sont fiers d'annoncer la publication officielle du premier d'une série de documents de réflexion sur le changement et l'innovation dans les services de police canadiens. Écrit par l'ancien chef de police Dale Mc Fee et l'expert-conseil en gestion Norman Taylor, le premier document intitulé *Le carrefour de Prince Albert et la transition vers une stratégie de sécurité communautaire axée sur la collaboration et la détermination des risques* est une description instructive de la philosophie, du processus et de la structure d'un modèle novateur de résolution de problèmes communautaire multiorganisationnel mis en place avec succès par les auteurs à Prince Albert, en Saskatchewan. Le document arrive à point pour offrir aux lecteurs un aperçu accessible de cette nouvelle approche prometteuse des services de police de prévention et de la sécurité communautaire axée sur les éléments de preuve qu'un certain nombre de services de police canadiens commencent à adopter.

La série de documents de réflexion du CCP a été conçue pour répondre aux défis des services de police contemporains au Canada et au manque de connaissances et de travaux de recherche accessibles sur les questions et les stratégies pertinentes de changement et d'innovation dans le domaine des services de police. C'est ainsi que des experts en la matière ont été invités à résumer les courants de pensée et les travaux de recherche récents ainsi que les pratiques novatrices sur des sujets choisis se rapportant au changement et à l'innovation particulièrement pertinents pour les services de police canadiens. Les documents de réflexion donneront également à la communauté canadienne de la sécurité publique des renseignements utiles, et il est à espérer qu'ils stimuleront la poursuite des échanges et l'intérêt pour les enjeux se rapportant à l'avenir des services de police et de la sécurité publique.

Au cours des prochains mois, une série de documents de réflexion sur des sujets seront publiés, portant notamment sur les modèles de services de police à plusieurs niveaux, l'économie des services de police au Canada et les façons d'offrir des services de police viables, les caractéristiques historiques des changements de l'économie et des services de police ainsi que l'évolution et les changements progressifs des services de police canadiens. Des renseignements supplémentaires et le texte des documents de réflexion sont accessibles à l'adresse www.cpc-ccp.gc.ca/fr/cpclubrary/Discussion

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conduct in connection with an incident where a woman was stripped inside a police cell block.

Sgt. Steven Desjourdy was acquitted last year on a criminal sexual assault charge in connection with the September 2008 incident, in which a woman's shirt and bra were cut off while she was in custody.

After the not guilty ruling, the Ottawa police force began proceedings on the discreditable conduct charge, which was made under the Police Services Act.

The force will present a submission on penalty at Desjourdy's next appearance, with the date yet to be scheduled.

The complainant in the case cannot be named to protect her identity.

The case prompted Ottawa police to review cell block operations and bring in changes to the way prisoners are handled.

"This has been a difficult time for many," said Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau. "As a service, we have learned from this incident and we have moved forward to better serve the community."

Apr 08 2014

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. - Provincial funding cuts have forced Alberta's only on-reserve correctional centre to close.

The Kainai Corrections Society minimum-security facility in Standoff had been operating for 25 years.

It shut down its 24 beds for inmates last week and 12 people have lost their jobs.

Probation, court worker and crime prevention services, along with an elders program, are to continue.

The Kainai society was created to serve members of the Blood Tribe, Treaty 7 and other First Nations who had become involved in the criminal justice system. (CJOC)

Apr 08 2014

CALGARY - Without their eyes in the sky, Calgary police say they wouldn't have been able to keep tabs on a stolen vehicle speeding the wrong way down busy Calgary streets Monday afternoon.

Det. Todd Nichol said the CPS HAWCS helicopter was crucial to a chase that lasted the better part of an hour, covering ground from deep in the city's southeast all the way into the northeast.

"There's no way a (police) car could keep pace with this and still watch out for the public," Nichol said. The public was definitely in danger, he said.

About 4 p.m., officers responded to a "minor theft" incident at a grocery store in the 4100 block of 126 Ave. S.E. They found the vehicle, which turned out to be stolen in the city last Friday, which they said then took off.

As rush-hour traffic was starting to build on the streets, Nichol explained the suspect was driving "in a very aggressive manner."

"Aggressive" included crossing centre medians, driving into oncoming traffic and on sidewalks, speeding the whole way, including

through school zones, Staff Sgt. Paul Wyatt said.

The suspect vehicle struck at least three other vehicles.

"The potential for a member of the public or even the driver of this vehicle to be seriously injured is quite large," he said, adding it was also "a pretty substantial period of time to have someone ripping around like that."

(Calgary Sun)

Apr 08 2014

TORONTO - Ontario's top court has ordered an "extremely rare" fourth trial for a man charged with first-degree murder in the 1981 killing of a nursing assistant.

It has been 33 years since Diane Weren-dowicz was dragged into a ravine, allegedly

sexually assaulted, strangled and dumped in a creek in the Hamilton area.

Robert Badgerow was arrested in 1998 and was convicted of first-degree murder several years later, but the verdict was overturned on appeal.

Ontario's Appeal Court ordered a new trial, but the second trial ended in a mistrial, with the jury unable to reach a verdict, and the third trial also ended in a mistrial.

A Superior Court judge ordered a stay, which would have effectively ended the case against Badgerow, but in a ruling released Tuesday the Appeal Court overturned it and ordered Badgerow to stand trial for a fourth time.

The Appeal Court says "highly probative and admissible evidence" was excluded at the previous trials, so the Crown hasn't had a full



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opportunity to put its case before a jury.

There is a risk of “undermining the integrity of the justice system” by prosecuting Badgerow for a fourth time, but the court must balance that against the societal interest in a final decision on the merits of the case, the judges wrote.

“Notwithstanding the challenges associated with conducting a trial after the passage of almost 35 years, there is a strong public interest in a trial on all the legally admissible evidence and this swings the balance against a stay,” the Appeal Court wrote.

Apr 08 2014

Canada and the U.S. signed an agreement Tuesday that removes the international maritime boundary as a barrier to law enforcement.

The Eastern Region International Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations, also known as Shiprider, gives the U.S. Coast Guard and the RCMP the power to board ships and make arrests, whether in Canadian or American waters.

“It’s a huge day for us because it not only allows us to work together on enforcement, but also information and intelligence sharing,” to combat cross-border crime on shared waterways, said New Brunswick RCMP Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown.

“This will exponentially increase the law enforcement capabilities with minimal impact to budgets or manpower,” he said.

Brown joined U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Dan Abel, commander of the U.S. 1st Coast Guard District, in Eastport, Me., to sign the Shiprider standard operating procedures.

“Through this partnership we are better able to protect the citizens of both the U.S. and Canada from cross-border crime,” said Abel, who is in charge of more than 200 ships patrolling from the Canadian border to New Jersey.

“This is really about stopping anyone who might try to exploit a seam between the Canadian and U.S. authorities,” he said.

The deal includes protocols, such as U.S. boats not being able to mount a preemptive armed patrol of the Canadian coast. But ships can cross if intelligence points to crimes, such as human and drug smuggling, even terrorism.

“The end game is there’s a consequence for breaking the law or threatening the nation, it doesn’t matter to me whether those people face justice here or up in Canada,” said Abel.

All U.S. and Canadian officers designated as Shiprider-qualified receive extensive bi-national U.S. and Canadian enforcement training at the U.S. Coast Guard’s Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in South Carolina.

This is the third Shiprider agreement between Canada and the U.S. There are also ones in place for parts of the Pacific Ocean and in the Great Lakes.

Former Public Safety minister Peter Van Loan and U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano signed a framework agreement in 2009.

(CBC News)

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TORONTO - Ontario’s police watchdog is investigating after a car crashed and rolled over in downtown Toronto.

Paramedics say the car’s driver - a man believed to be in his early 30s - was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident happened around midnight after a high-speed chase by Toronto police that ended with the crash and rollover.

There’s no word immediate word on any charges and police have not released any details. (CFRB, AM640)

Apr 09 2014

WHITBY, Ont. - A spoof video depicting disgruntled police officers “on a quest for freedom” from court duty has led to discreditable conduct charges against two members of the Durham Region police.

Chief Mike Ewles launched an internal investigation in January after the 63-second video, which shows three employees trying to get re-assigned from court services duty, was posted on YouTube.

The video, which appears to be a spoof of a Hollywood movie trailer, describes the three as being “forced to serve prisoners” and shows them mopping up cells and giving out toilet paper.

Another scene shows an officer advancing through a locker room brandishing an armed Taser.

Charged under the Police Services Act are Sgt. Mike Glennie and a second officer, identified only as a detective constable.

Police say proceedings have started against Glennie but the second officer’s hearing won’t begin until next week and his name can’t be released until then.

Apr 09 2014

SAN FRANCISCO - An alarming lapse in Internet security has exposed millions of passwords, credit card numbers and other sensitive information to potential theft.

The breakdown revealed this week affects a widely used encryption technology that is supposed to protect online accounts for emails, instant messaging and a wide range of electronic commerce.

Security researchers who uncovered the threat, known as “Heartbleed,” are particularly worried about the vulnerability because it went undetected for more than two years. They fear the possibility that computer hackers may have been secretly exploiting the problem before its discovery.

Although there is now a way to close the security hole, there are still plenty of reasons to be concerned, said David Chartier, CEO of Codenomicon. A small team from the

Finnish security firm diagnosed Heartbleed while working independently from another Google Inc. researcher who also discovered the threat.

“I don’t think anyone that had been using this technology is in a position to definitively say they weren’t compromised,” Chartier said.

Chartier and other computer security experts are advising people to consider changing all their online passwords.

“I would change every password everywhere because it’s possible something was sniffed out,” said Wolfgang Kandek, chief technology officer for Qualys, a maker of security-analysis software. “You don’t know because an attack wouldn’t have left a distinct footprint.”

But changing the passwords won’t do any good, these experts said, until the affected services install the software released Monday to fix the problem. That puts the onus on the Internet services affected by Heartbleed to alert their users to the potential risks and let them know when the Heartbleed fix has been installed so they can change their passwords.

“This is going to be difficult for the average guy in the streets to understand, because it’s hard to know who has done what and what is safe,” Chartier said.

Heartbleed creates an opening in SSL/TLS, an encryption technology marked by the small, closed padlock and “https:” on Web browsers to signify that traffic is secure. The flaw makes it possible to snoop on Internet traffic even if the padlock had been closed. Interlopers could also grab the keys for deciphering encrypted data without the website owners knowing the theft had occurred, according to security researchers.

The problem affects only the variant of SSL/TLS known as OpenSSL, but that happens to be one of the most common on the Internet.

About two-thirds of Web servers rely on OpenSSL, Chartier said.

That means the information passing through hundreds of thousands of websites could be vulnerable, despite the protection offered by encryptions. Beside emails and chats, OpenSSL is also used to secure virtual private networks, which are used by employees to connect with corporate networks seeking to shield confidential information from prying eyes.

Heartbleed exposed a weakness in encryption at the same time that major Internet services such as Yahoo, Google, Microsoft and Facebook are expanding their usage of technology to reassure the users about the sanctity of their personal data. The additional security measures are being adopted in response to mounting concerns about the U.S. government’s surveillance of online activities and other communications.

Although it may take months for smaller websites to install the Heartbleed fix, Chartier predicted all the major Internet services will act quickly to protect their reputations.

Apr 09 2014

CALGARY - Police say a man accused in a high-speed dangerous drive

through Calgary may be involved in a meat theft ring.

Superstore called police on Monday afternoon about a man who allegedly stole meat.

Instead of pulling over, a vehicle sped off, heading the wrong way down busy roads before eventually crashing into a fence.

Police investigators say supermarket meat is a prime target for thieves, and a sophisticated crime ring is being fuelled by rising food costs.

It's enough of a problem that police have a dedicated unit working to stop the trend.

Const. Lara Sampson says the stolen food is often exchanged for as little as 30 cents on the dollar, or for drugs, and some makes its way into restaurants.

"We have them being sold out of the back of vehicles, we have them kept in dirty old garages," Sampson said.

"They are cross-contaminated with drugs, because typically people stealing are usually people directed by somebody else to go do the shopping.

"It is very common in Calgary right now."

She says thieves also perceive big chain grocery retailers as an easy target, as they're not deterred by staff.

(Global Calgary)

Apr 09 2014

WINNIPEG - The police officer who fired a Taser at a 17-year-old Winnipeg youth who later died says the teen left him no choice.

Const. Ryan Naismith testified Wednesday at an inquest into the death of Michael Langan in 2008.

Naismith says when he and his partner pulled up beside Langan in an alley in the city's core, the teen had a knife in his hand.

The officer said he told Langan to drop the knife several times, but he didn't.

Naismith said he was sure Langan was about to attack him because he appeared aggressive.

Naismith, who had only been an on-duty officer for about seven months at the time of the incident, shot the stun gun out the window of the police cruiser, striking Langan in the upper body.

Langan fell and hit his head on concrete.

Naismith said it looked like Langan wasn't breathing as he approached him but then he began to take "gasping" breaths.

Langan was taken to hospital where he died. An autopsy revealed he died from a cardiac arrhythmia caused by a pre-existing condition and the shock delivered by the stun gun.

A lawyer for Taser International, the manufacturer of the weapon, is refuting that finding and plans to testify during the second phase of the inquest, which is to begin in June.

(CJOB)

Apr 09 2014

SUDBURY - Greater Sudbury's new chief of police says he's committed to the community policing model the force has embraced - and he expects it will grow under his watch.

Paul Pedersen, who was introduced Wednesday afternoon at a special meeting of the Police Services Board at Tom Davies Square, said his priority will be further redefining how police and other social organizations can work together to promote community safety.

Under his predecessor, Frank Elsner, police initiated a number of new approaches that got away from simple enforcement. For example, under the Zone 30 program, police identify high-risk areas and send community officers in to build relationships with people in the neighbourhood. In turn, they get to know the areas, residents trust and speak with them, allowing officers to identify problems before they happen.

In one area, for example, the model has worked so well, calls to police have dropped from several a day to a handful a month.

Another approach saw police divert mental-health cases to a clinic operating extending hours, rather than having police spend hours in the ER waiting for an evaluation.

"(So) it isn't just about making it bigger and building an empire," Pedersen, 52, told reporters. "In many cases, a dollar spent on housing can fight crime better than a dollar spent on policing. So we have to have that conversation."

While approaches to policing are changing, Pedersen said the goal is the same: for residents to feel at ease and be secure as they go about their daily lives.

"We all have the same interests. Who

doesn't want to wake up in the morning and feel safe? And be able to walk their dog at night and feel safe?"

His biggest challenges, he said, was getting to know the community after spending most of his 34-year career in the York Region, as well as getting to know the police force he now leads.

"I've got 34 years of credibility in York Region. I have to start from square one here," he said. "(But) it couldn't feel more right. Everything has come together so smoothly."

(Sudbury Northern Life)

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Apr 10 2014

WINNIPEG - A mistrial has been declared in a gun-trafficking trial in Winnipeg.

Justice Shawn Greenberg ruled that accused Cory Seymour's right to a fair trial was trampled "beyond repair" by the testimony of an undercover officer who had coordinated a sting on Seymour's hunting and fishing store on the Sakgeeng First Nation.

The officer told court a confidential source had told officers that Seymour or someone working for him was supplying guns to the Manitoba Warriors street gang.

Greenberg said that information is considered inadmissible hearsay and was "highly prejudicial" for jurors.



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A Study Exploring Police Officers who Maintain Multiple Identity (Life) Roles

The purpose of this research project is to give police officers who have maintained multiple identity (life) roles throughout their career the opportunity to describe their experiences. It also provides individuals with an opportunity to discuss what has helped or hindered them in the process of maintaining multiple life roles and what might be helpful to them, if it were available.

The investigator for this study is **Stephanie M. Conn**, 604-780-1967. Stephanie is being supervised by **Dr. Bill Borgen**, 604-822-5261, and **Dr. Marla Buchanan**, 604-822-4625, Professors in Counselling Psychology at the University of British Columbia.

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If you would like to participate, or would like further information about this study, please contact Stephanie Conn by email at stephmconn@gmail.com or by phone at 604 780-1967.

Court had been told that during the sting, an undercover officer posing as a hunter with a damaged gun approached Seymour at the store to request repairs and to borrow another gun.

It's alleged Seymour failed to check to see if the man had a licence to possess firearms. (Winnipeg Free Press)

Apr 10 2014

HALIFAX - A Nova Scotia man wrongfully convicted of statutory rape in 1970 withdrew his claim of malicious prosecution against the provincial attorney general in court today.

But Dale Dunlop says his client, Gerald Barton, will continue with his claim against the RCMP for negligent investigation.

Dunlop told Nova Scotia's Supreme Court it's clear that the Crown attorney in the case could only act on the statements given to him by the RCMP.

The court began hearing closing arguments today from a lawyer for the federal attorney general, who is representing the RCMP in the civil case.

Barton is claiming he never gave an incriminating statement to police about the crime of having sex with a female between the ages of 14 and 16.

On Wednesday, former Crown attorney Charles Haliburton testified that Barton had pleaded guilty to the charge just as his trial was about to begin on Jan. 14, 1970.

Barton maintains he did not plead guilty and there are few records of the court proceedings that led to Barton's conviction.

Apr 10 2014

OTTAWA - The Supreme Court of Canada says it will hear a pair of Crown appeals of cases where the Harper government's mandatory minimum sentences for firearms charges were found unconstitutional.

In the two Ontario cases, the appeal court ruled that the mandatory minimums constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

The sentencing laws were enacted as part of the Conservative government's 2008 omnibus bill.

The Ontario Court of Appeal, in throwing out the provisions, said they could send people to prison for three years for what would amount to a licence violation.

The court said it found a major disconnect between the magnitude of the offence and the severity of the sentence.

Apr 10 2014

TORONTO - At least 20 people have been arrested in a series of early-morning raids across the Greater Toronto Area in connection with a murder investigation.

Search warrants were carried out at several locations overnight and involved officers from police forces across the region,

including Durham Region and Toronto.

Toronto police spokesman Const. Victor Kwong says the raids are related to a 2014 homicide case but could not say which case it was and had no immediate details.

Durham police say the warrants were issued as a part of a guns and drugs investigation dubbed Project Wheeler, adding more than 20 people were arrested and three guns seized, along with a quantity of drugs and cash.

Officers were seen using stun grenades, police dogs and battering rams during the raids.

There's no immediate word on charges.

A resident of a Toronto apartment building that was raided says he woke up to what he first thought was the sound of gunfire.

"All we heard was the dogs barking and a big bang and them yelling," he said. "We thought at first it was a gunshot."

Other raids were reported in west-end Toronto and a neighbourhood just east of downtown (on Broadview Avenue near Queen Street East).

(680News, CFRB, The Canadian Press)

Apr 10 2014

CALGARY - A Calgary Police officer who shot and seriously wounded a fleeing driver last year will not be facing criminal charges.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team has found the officer did nothing wrong when he fired at the 22-year old Calgary man on Nov. 5.

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Two officers had been investigating a suspicious vehicle when they found the man sleeping in the idling truck.

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He was struck once in the neck.

The vehicle continued across a street and crashed into a house, narrowly missing a resident inside.

Apr 10 2014

TORONTO - A Toronto man accused of killing a Hamilton father who disappeared after taking a pair of prospective buyers for a test drive has now been charged with murder in the death of his own father and another woman.

Ontario provincial police say Dellen Millard is now charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Wayne Millard and Laura Babcock, with whom he had a relationship.

Mark Smich is also charged with first-degree murder in Babcock's death.

Millard, 28, and Smich, 26, are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma, who vanished May 6, 2013 after leaving home in his pick-up with two men after posting the truck for sale online.

His remains were found about a week later burned beyond recognition at a south-western Ontario farm belonging to Millard.

Millard is also charged with forcible confinement and theft of a vehicle in Bosma's death.

Apr 10 2014

SAINT JOHN, N.B. - The Saint John Police Association has ratified a three-year collective agreement giving police a 12 per cent wage increase over three years.

The city's board of police commissioners says there is a 4.5 per cent increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 2013, followed by increases of 3.75 per cent in each of the following years.

The board also says the agreement allows the conversion of some police positions into civilian jobs.

The board says in a news release that some operational efficiencies are included in the new contract to help reduce policing costs, but it did not elaborate.

Apr 10 2014

CALGARY - A four-month child pornography sting by Alberta law enforcement response teams has led to charges against 10 men in southern Alberta.

Police in Calgary and Lethbridge, along with RCMP, executed 13 search warrants throughout the area starting last December.

They seized over 300 computers and electronic devices containing thousands of child pornography photos and videos.

They say they targeted individuals sharing child porn images and videos across a variety of peer-to-peer file sharing networks.

The accused, who range in age from 22 to 65, face charges of possessing, accessing, and making available child pornography.

Police say they will be analyzing the seized electronics and more charges could be laid.



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