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Mounties on medical leave fear dismissal



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OTTAWA - The RCMP is making it simpler to release officers with serious medical problems, prompting fears that many ill members will be sent packing without due process or the means to fight their dismissal.

Under the old rules an officer who protested a medical discharge because of mental or physical disability could remain on the payroll until the matter was settled.

New regulations, slated to take effect in June, say a decision as to whether to release or demote a member will not be put on hold while a grievance works its way through the system.

The Canadian Press obtained a copy of

the more streamlined procedures, which flow from legislation passed last year aimed at modernizing the force.

The Conservative government argued the changes would permit the force to promptly deal with grievances that often fester for years, hurting workplace morale and leaving careers in limbo. Critics, including the NDP, said the measures placed too much power in RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson's hands and would only worsen relations with members.

Cpl. Roland Beaulieu, a B.C. Mountie on stress leave, says he became ill in 2011 when supervisors refused to properly address his complaints about issues including unpaid overtime and lack of promotion.



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He recently received a message from the force saying it was taking the first step toward medically discharging him, and he knows of two others who just got notices. He suspects that when the new regulations take effect, "they're going to punt a lot of people that are off in the same situation that I am."

"It gives them carte blanche to say, 'You're out of here.'"

Paulson sought new disciplinary powers to deal with "bad apples" - including rogue officers - more swiftly, said Gerry Hoyland, a former Mountie now helping several other officers with grievances.

"Instead, the government has provided him the means of medically discharging members much more easily," said Hoyland, who fought his own battles with the police force over on-the-job harassment.

"I know from past experiences that the new medical discharge process will not be fair."

Cpl. David Falls, an RCMP spokesman, said procedural fairness would be respected, adding the legislation "does not provide for members to be summarily discharged."

Under the new rules, discharge boards or hearings will no longer exist. The member will be given notice by a senior officer, relevant information in RCMP files and the opportunity to make written submissions. The senior officer may agree to hear oral arguments.

Rules posted on the RCMP's internal human-resources Infoweb say a medically discharged member may grieve the decision, and the outcome of the grievance can be independently scrutinized by an oversight body, the RCMP External Review Committee.

But the decision to discharge someone will not be put on hold while a grievance plays out, the rules say.

As Cpl. Jeff Whipple knows, the grievance process can be lengthy.

Whipple, who suffers from post-traumatic stress over the infamous shooting in Mayerthorpe, Alta. - in which four colleagues

were killed - is protesting his release from the police force for medical reasons.

He is the second Mountie grappling with emotional fallout from the 2005 event that the RCMP has moved to medically discharge - a process Whipple alleges was done behind his back in violation of force rules.

Whipple was among the first on the horrific Mayerthorpe shooting scene. But he says his difficulties began later due to lack of understanding and proper care from his employer as he tried to come to terms with the tragedy.

"My hurt, pain, is from what they did after the incident - not the incident," he said in an interview.

In 2009, Whipple sued the RCMP. Three years later the force discharged him on medical grounds, which he grieved, alleging lack of due process including denial of access to files he needed to argue his case.

"They just don't take responsibility," he said. "They don't look after their people."

Paulson insisted last year the idea was to care for injured and ill Mounties with the primary objective helping them return to policing.

"And where we can't do that, then we have to work with them to try and find them employment within the organization - or ultimately help them make the adjustment," he told The Canadian Press.

"We just have to face that some people get to a situation where they're not in a position to contribute at work anymore."

Falls said it's in no one's interest to have members on protracted medical leave.

"We owe it to our fellow officers who rely on each other for support and backup to manage our workforce responsibly," he said.

"That is why we cannot, in good conscience, pay a full salary indefinitely to an employee whose health prevents them from performing duties within the RCMP."

came over here from Greece and they changed it," he said. "That was like in the 1920s."

The judge remained nonplused. "I'm still trying to absorb this," he said.

But Hurley released Cocaine on his own recognizance.

And the drug he's accused of possessing?

Xanax.
(Sun Sentinel)

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EDMONTON - Edmonton Police are cracking down on officer wait times at hospitals following complaints and concern from officers.

Since this winter, Const. Sydney Luda has been working on a special pilot project within the downtown unit that allows officers to access information on how busy certain hospitals are.

The project allows officers to see the volume in hospitals near their location, so they can make the best choice all by simply calling one phone number.

Required in many instances to stay with the person until they are discharged, officers can spend hours—sometimes their whole shifts— at a hospital, said Luda. By using a telephone number accessed typically by EMS workers, officers can determine where to bring people and to also hopefully save time.

"For every hour we're in the hospital, that isn't a unit or member on the streets. It is part of our jobs but at the same time it takes us away from being on the streets where I think citizens want us," said Luda.

From Aug. 2 to Nov. 2 in 2013, officers spent about 1,500 hours and had 390 visits to hospitals guarding while waiting for detainees, costing the police force about \$100,678 or \$1,100 a day, according to information brought forward at a November police commission meeting last year.

Officials at the meeting said the biggest concern with the numbers is that 54 per cent of the hours and 63 per cent of the activities dealt with the Mental Health Act.

In Luda's experience, many of his hospital calls revolve around mental health issues but that the type of calls can vary.

As a former EMS worker, Luda said many of his fellow colleagues are sharing mixed reviews on the system as he tallies up comparison wait time statistics from before and during the pilot project that ended Mar. 31.
(Metro Edmonton)

THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2014

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LA RONGE, Sask. - RCMP have charged a man and a girl after a car rammed through a police roadblock in northern Saskatchewan.

Police say a Mountie fired a shotgun at the car Tuesday afternoon near La Ronge as it sped across a spike belt.

Mounties say the pair fled on foot into the

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2014

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FORT LAUDERDALE - The judge did a double-take and there were giggles aplenty in bond court Wednesday when a bailiff announced the name of a man arrested for drug possession: Edward Cocaine.

"What?" uttered a stunned County Judge John "Jay" Hurley.

"My last name is Cocaine," proudly stated the man at the podium. His name was indeed legal and inscribed on his driver's license.

"You know, I'd thought I'd seen it all," Hurley laughed, shaking his head. "How many times have the police told you to step out of the car during your life?"

"Just about every time I get pulled over," a chuckling Cocaine admitted.

The 34-year-old Fort Lauderdale man, arrested Tuesday in Pembroke Pines, explained how he got his name. "My great-grandparents

woods but were later captured with the help of conservation officers on snowmobiles.

Eighteen-year-old Jordon Desjarlais faces assaulting a peace officer, dangerous operation of a vehicle and other charges.

A 16-year-old girl is charged with resisting arrest.

Desjarlais is also wanted on a warrant from Calgary police.

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CALGARY - The father of a man charged with killing five young people in Calgary this week says his family would give anything to bring them back.

Douglas de Grood, a veteran city police officer, stood with his wife in front of reporters Thursday and said the family is devastated and is trying to make sense of the tragedy.

He described his son, Matthew de Grood, as a great kid who respected others, had good grades and played sports. As a young man, he attended university and raised money for charities through his passion for running.

The 22-year-old had a bright future ahead of him, said his father, and had been accepted into law school for the fall.

"Just like you, we struggle to understand what happened," said the senior de Grood, choking back a sob.

He was shaking visibly as he delivered his statement. He leaned on a cane for support and, at one point, paused in an effort to gain control.

His son's defence lawyer, Allay Fay, explained that the officer has mobility issues but would not say whether he has a medical condition.

The father said his family has received support from many people, including strangers.

"We will never recover from this, but the collective support has helped ease some of the pain. We hope someday we will have answers as to why this happened. Regardless, it won't bring the victims back, but we would give anything to do just that."

Matthew de Grood faces five counts of first-degree murder in what police are calling the worst mass murder in Calgary's history.

Police have said de Grood finished his late shift at a grocery store before going to a house party which was being held to celebrate the last day of classes at the University of Calgary. He was an invited guest and mingled with some of the 20 people there before he allegedly grabbed a large knife and started attacking people one by one.

Police said a significant part of their investigation will focus on whether de Grood was suffering from mental illness and officers will be looking into any communications he had with people before the slayings.

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VANCOUVER - RCMP have laid five charges including pornography, extortion, criminal harassment and Internet luring against an unnamed man in the Netherlands in connection with the Amanda Todd case.

The 15-year-old British Columbia girl

killed herself in October 2012, shortly after detailing her harassment on a YouTube video watched by millions of people around the world.

The charges come just hours after a Dutch television station revealed a 35-year-old man jailed in the Netherlands since January is accused of using webcam footage to blackmail dozens of victims, including Todd, in several countries.

RCMP Insp. Paulette Freill told a news conference that B.C.'s Crown counsel laid the criminal charges today, but she wouldn't release the man's name to protect the criminal proceedings in the Netherlands.

Freill says all the charges are related to incidents alleged to have happened between Jan. 1, 2010, and Oct. 10, 2012 - the same day Todd died.

Her mother, Carol Todd, told the media that this was the day her family has been waiting for and that she always knew in her heart that her daughter's claims about being bullied were true.

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ORANGEVILLE - The mid-sized town of Orangeville, Ont. (population 28,000) is a pleasant place to live. Housing is a lot cheaper than in Toronto, and crime rates are low. Nonetheless, Orangeville's police force is the highest-paid in Ontario. Of the 34 municipal employees who made more than \$100,000 last year, 14 are cops. Another seven are firefighters.

That's the way it is across much of Canada. The cops and firefighters are taking home the biggest paycheques in town. While other public-sector salaries are frozen, their pay is rising faster than inflation. And the cost is eating small-town budgets alive.

In the northern town of Cochrane, Ont., policing costs have doubled in the past five years, and will soon have tripled. Policing is the city's single biggest cost. Mayor Peter Politis, speaking on the public-affairs program *The Agenda*, said the police do a terrific job. But he wondered about value for money. "They're being paid to manage black bears," he said.

Canada's crime rate has plunged to record lows. But police budgets have been growing at twice the rate of the economy. "The police are pricing themselves out of business," says Christian Leuprecht, an associate professor at the Royal Military College and Queen's University, and the author of a new report on police costs published by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

Cops are popular and politicians are loath to take them on. The police unions have done a phenomenally good job of negotiating fat raises and job-security provisions. Many forces, such as the Ontario Provincial Police, have clauses in their contracts that benchmark them to the top settlements negotiated by others. That's why the OPP got a whopping 8.55-per-cent pay raise this year. It's all because of Orangeville.

On top of that, arbitrators are allowed to settle union contracts without regard to the municipalities' ability to pay. Ontario's

Liberal government could have changed the legislation and put an end to that, but it chose not to. Benchmarking creates a perpetual leapfrog to the top, and the ripple effects flow across the country.

Like firefighters, police portray their jobs as difficult and dangerous, and warn that any cutbacks in service would pose a mortal threat to public safety. In fact, most of the time, their jobs are pretty safe.

Firefighters spend almost all their time answering calls that could be handled by paramedics. And just 3 per cent of police calls concern crimes in progress. Despite what you see on TV, Mr. Leuprecht says, police spend 80 per cent of their time maintaining order, not enforcing the law.

Police work "is complex, difficult and demanding and should be well compensated," he says in his report. "The real question is why police who are making upward of \$100,000 a year are performing so many tasks that are not really core policing duties."

Some U.S. cities, driven to the brink of bankruptcy by pension and salary costs, are trying creative solutions. Mr. Leuprecht's report details how in Mesa, Ariz., civilian investigators handle about 30 per cent of all police calls, including calls for vehicle and residential burglary (providing the burglars have left the scene).

Sunnyvale, Calif., has cross-trained all police, fire and emergency medical services staff, which makes great sense. Sadly, this idea is unthinkable in places like Toronto, where turf wars between the firefighters and the EMS are the stuff of legend.

Big cities face soaring police costs too. But they have more ways to raise revenue. Hundreds of smaller cities across Canada are taking money from libraries, infrastructure and parks to pay the cops.

(Globe and Mail)

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WATERLOO REGION - Waterloo Regional Police chief Matt Torigian is retiring from the local force as of June 8 to take on a new position with the Ontario government.



Waterloo Regional Police Services Board chair Tom Galloway announced Torigian's retirement Thursday morning. Torigian has been selected by the Ontario government to become the deputy minister of community safety for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

"The appointment of chief Torigian confirms that the Waterloo Regional Police Service is considered to be a leader in policing across the province," said Galloway in a news

release. "While we regret his departure, the honour of serving the entire province is a credit to the service and the board."

Torigian's service is highlighted by advancements in intelligence-led and neighbourhood policing, organizational transformation, and crime prevention – among many other initiatives, noted the release.

"This is an incredible opportunity and one which I accept with both enthusiasm and mixed emotions," said Torigian. "This appointment is a direct reflection of the work and achievements of the members of this police service. I have had the privilege to work alongside an impressive team of dedicated, talented, and committed professionals. It has been an honour to be the chief of police in this community."

The police services board will convene shortly to consider interim responsibilities and recruitment of a new chief of police.

(The Record)

Apr 17 2014

WEST VANCOUVER - A police watchdog agency will probe a caught-on-video interaction that showed a West Vancouver police officer trying to stop a group of longboarders with his SUV earlier this month.

The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner will now probe the incident.

In the April 9 footage, which was captured by a helmet-mounted video camera, a group of longboarders can be seen being halted suddenly by an unmarked police vehicle with lights flashing in the middle of an intersection.

The longboarders swerved, fell to the ground and skidded to avoid hitting the SUV.

The video, which was posted online Sunday, then prompted the West Vancouver Police Department to launch a review of police guidelines and policies.

On Wednesday, the WVPD announced it would be forwarding the review to the OPCC, and would not be commenting any further until that review is completed.

(The Province)

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MONTREAL - It's the end of the road for two Montreal police officers who sought to appeal a judgment of excessive violence and negligence that resulted in the death of a homeless man 14 years ago.

The Supreme Court of Canada announced Thursday that it would not hear an appeal from Giovanni Stante and Sylvain Fouquet, the officers involved in the case of Jean-Pierre Lizotte, a homeless man who died in 1999.

Stante and his partner, Fouquette, were part of a unit assigned in 1999 to a section of St. Laurent Blvd. lined with several bars.

On the night of his death, Lizotte had been openly masturbating in front of the Shed Café on St. Laurent Blvd. He was wrestled to the ground by a doorman before the two constables

intervened to separate them.

When Lizotte later fled into the crowd, Stante pursued him and, when Lizotte resisted, Stante delivered several blows to his head.

Witnesses said he was then thrown into a police cruiser "like a sack of potatoes."

Lizotte suffered a spinal injury and died of pneumonia caused by his paralysis six weeks later.

A jury acquitted Stante of manslaughter and other charges in August 2002. Fouquet was not charged.

In 2008, the Police Ethics Committee found them both negligent in duties relating to the arrest but cleared Stante on claims of unnecessary force, stating that punching Lizotte was justified.

Lizotte was struggling and kicking the officer. Punching as a means to subdue an assailant is taught in police training.

The committee also ruled that the officers should have done more to control the scene and should have placed Lizotte in the squad car and fastened his seat belt before taking him to hospital. The officers should also have told the nurse about the punching.

Stante and Fouquette were suspended without pay for 25 days for negligence for letting the situation deteriorate before intervening.

On appeal in Quebec Court, the judge said Stante acted in accordance with practices taught at Quebec's École nationale de police and was not negligent with regards to Lizotte's health and safety.

The Crown prosecutor appealed the verdict and Quebec Superior Court upheld the conclusions of the ethics committee in 2013.

The Supreme Court of Canada refusal to hear an appeal ends this case.

(Montreal Gazette)



The province's former Liberal health minister, George Smitherman, is getting into the pot game with a Markham pharmacist and a former deputy chief of the Toronto police.

The trio — a veritable dream team in the medical marijuana industry — secured a property in Durham Region with about 16,000 square feet of serviceable indoor growing space, said Smitherman, and is in the midst of preparing an application. The township of Uxbridge recently passed a motion granting them a "no objection" letter to accompany their application to Health Canada.

"I think that in my time as minister of health I did try to advance a conversation within the Ontario Medical Association and especially within the doctors who focus on pain," said Smitherman. "I view medical marijuana as an effective alternative for many people, and I think that the science on

this will grow and grow and grow."

Each member of the trio brings skills that will help with the application process, which includes providing a round-the-clock security plan and undergoing regular testing like that at a regular drug production facility.

Smitherman, the lifelong politician who served as Ontario's minister of health and long-term care from 2003 to 2008, will help the group work with consultants to navigate Health Canada's new medical marijuana legislation, which licenses businesses to grow marijuana to sell to users who have a prescription.

The legislation is a departure from the old way of doing things, whereby Health Canada served as the middle-man for medicinal marijuana users, who were allowed to grow their own plants. Instead, federally approved growers will supply those in the country who rely on medicinal marijuana.

Longtime lawman Kim Derry, who retired as deputy chief of the Toronto Police Service, will be in charge of security for the facility — one of Health Canada's most stringent requirements. Since his retirement from the force in 2011, Derry has been at the helm of the private security firm Executec International.

The site must have video surveillance and recording capabilities both at the building and the property perimeter. The facility must have an alarm system and rooms where the marijuana is grown or stored must feature controlled access. Personnel must pass a security check with the RCMP.

Kandavel Palanivel, who instigated the whole venture and is its main investor, has been a licensed pharmacist in Canada since 2000. He is accredited to practise at seven pharmacies across the GTA, according to his file with the Ontario College of Pharmacists.

Smitherman says the group hopes to file its application in the coming weeks — joining hundreds already in the hopper, pending approval. Twelve applications have already been approved and their submitters are growing and supplying marijuana.

The federal government estimated in 2013 that the change in legislation could turn medical marijuana into a \$1.3-billion industry by 2024.

(Toronto Star)

Apr 18 2014

CALGARY - It's been 6 months since Hawk, Calgary's first trauma dog joined the Calgary Police's Services Victims Assistance Unit but in the past few days he's worked harder than ever.

"We've been going pretty much all



morning, all afternoon and into the evening each day since the incident happened.” Sgt. Brent Hutt, Hawk’s handler explains.

Early Tuesday morning, five people at a party in Brentwood celebrating the end of classes were stabbed to death. 22-year-old Matthew de Grood now faces five counts of first-degree murder in connection with the case.

“Seeing Hawk interact with some of the witnesses and some families was particularly impactful for me,” says Sgt. Hutt. “When I’m crouched down on the floor with him and to see people come and pet him and he licks their face... you see the emotions start to come out of people and we’re able to have meaningful conversations.”

Since Tuesday Hawk has been used to comfort witnesses as well as members of some of the 5 victim’s families. He was also at a vigil held on the University of Calgary’s campus and has spent time at the Alberta College of Art and Design and in the community of Brentwood.

“I was always a strong believer of what Hawk could bring to the table, but these past 3 days have just far exceeded my expectations for what he can do.”

(Global News)

Apr 18 2014

MONTREAL - When Claude Forget was sentenced in 1994 to a 20-year prison term for shooting two police officers, he went to prison as a hardened criminal.

Next Friday, Forget is scheduled to be released from a penitentiary as his sentence expires, even though experts agree the inveterate criminal has not changed since he shot and wounded Montreal police constables Walter Filipas and Lucy Krasowski on May 22, 1993.

Both victims survived the shooting but subsequently quit police work and changed their lives dramatically. On Thursday, Filipas received another reminder that Forget, 58, has shown no interest in leaving a penitentiary a better person than when he went in.

Based on damning reports that have kept Forget incarcerated since 2005, when he reached his statutory release date, the Sûreté du Québec recently filed a request seeking to have him agree to a series of conditions he would have to follow. Forget is currently incarcerated at the Drummond Institution, a medium security penitentiary in Drummondville.

On Thursday, the SQ’s request was put before a judge in Drummondville court and what happened next came as little surprise to Filipas. Forget refused to sign the document listing the conditions, and the case had to be carried over to Tuesday. Filipas said he was told a judge will probably review the conditions and has the option of either modifying them or rendering a decision that would impose them on Forget.

“I wasn’t surprised at all,” Filipas said of Forget’s refusal. “He’s a very narcissistic, very self-centred person. He does not like authority and does not like being told what to do. He basically doesn’t care.”

Filipas researched Forget’s criminal

background thoroughly after he survived the shooting. He said that in the past Forget turned to violent crimes to satisfy a drug addiction and he is concerned Forget could fall into that routine again after he is released.

Filipas said he has asked that Forget be required to keep a certain distance from him and his relatives as part of the conditions the SQ is seeking. He also believes that Forget will be required to provide the SQ with a fixed address. Another condition would prohibit Forget from consuming drugs or alcohol for a period, usually a year, following his release. When inmates breach their conditions they risk being incarcerated again. Because of the holiday on Friday The Gazette was unable to obtain a copy of the conditions the SQ has requested.

In 1993, Forget was supposed to be serving a 10-year sentence for a series of armed robberies and was a fugitive when he shot Filipas and Krasowski. A taxi driver had been assaulted near the Queen Elizabeth Hotel during early morning hours and the police officers approached Forget, who was seated on a park bench in Place du Canada, to question him about it in their patrol car.

Forget walked up to the car and opened fire. Filipas suffered injuries to his head. Krasowski was wounded in her head and legs.

Forget fled the scene but was arrested weeks later. On April 27, 1994, he pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted murder and received his current 20-year sentence. It became an aggregate 28-year sentence when combined with the one he was supposed to

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be serving when he tried to kill the police officers. Years later, Filipas learned Forget was likely lying in wait outside Place du Canada because he wanted to kill a CP Rail police officer who had shot him in 1987.

Forget was never granted parole and when he reached his statutory release date, the two-thirds mark of his sentence, in 2005 the Parole Board of Canada was informed he was still considered a high risk of re-offending through a violent crime. The board took the relatively rare step of ordering Forget remain incarcerated. It was required to review its decision annually and Forget did nothing to convince the parole board to change its mind.

As he had done several times in the past, Forget refused to show up for his most recent detention review hearing, on Aug. 9, 2013. The two parole board members assigned to Forget's file made their decision based on reports from his parole officers. According to a written summary of their decision, the parole board was informed Forget had done next to nothing toward rehabilitation.

(Montreal Gazette)

SATURDAY
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Apr 19 2014

HALIFAX - Police in Halifax have charged a young man accused of making death threats against the father of Rehtaeh Parsons.

Police won't disclose the name of the alleged victim or of the 19-year-old accused, who has yet to appear in court.

But Parsons' father, Glen Canning, says the charges relate to online threats made against him last year.

Canning also says the accused is one of two teens facing child pornography-related charges in connection with his daughter's case.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae says police began investigating last Aug. 2 after receiving a complaint from a 49-year-old man.

Police say a 19-year-old man was arrested Thursday and is due in court May 20 on charges including uttering death threats and criminal harassment.

MONDAY
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Apr 21 2014

VANCOUVER - A White Rock Mountie has been charged for his role in a deadly crash during a late-night chase three years ago.

David Bickle is charged with dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm.

The crash happened on May 18, 2011 after a chase claimed the life of a 56-year-old female pedestrian.

Bickle tried to stop a vehicle being driven by Kyle Danyliuk through White Rock. Danyliuk

eventually struck Marilyn Laursen, who later died in hospital.

The Vancouver Police Department was asked to investigate Bickle's conduct immediately after the incident.

(Global News)

Apr 21 2014

HAMILTON - Hamilton police recorded fewer use-of-force incidents in 2013 than in previous years, with firearm discharges being one of two exceptions.

A new report says last year, officers applied physical force — everything from pepper spray to Tasers — in 238 incidents. That's 23 per cent fewer than in 2012 and about 10 per cent lower than average.

The report also found use of force was down in all but two categories — soft impacts, which involve using a baton as leverage while pushing on a pressure point, and firearm discharges. Those jumped to four and 62 incidents, respectively — increases of 100 per cent and 35 per cent over 2012.

Police mostly used their guns to euthanize injured animals, killing 54 deer, three coyotes, a horse, a moose and a "vicious dog."

The remaining two cases involved people — when officers fired at a vehicle, and when 43-year-old Steve Mesic was shot and killed near his Mountain home.

The number of incidents where police drew or pointed their guns was down significantly, along with the number of incidents involving Tasers, pepper spray and direct physical contact.

Other areas also showed improvement. The service's annual professional standards report shows the number of public complaints and internal police investigations were down by as much as 30 per cent over 2012.

It also shows Hamilton police received an unprecedented 2,036 "good news" letters from the public — about 10 times the typical haul. Most were in response to the Tim Bosma homicide investigation and a YouTube arrest video that went viral.

TUESDAY
APRIL 22, 2014

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TORONTO - A man who killed a Toronto police officer with a snow plow is requesting to be moved to a less secure unit at the mental health facility where he is detained.

Richard Kachkar was found not criminally responsible last March for killing Sgt. Ryan Russell in 2011.

The Ontario Review Board, which decides if and how people found not criminally responsible should be detained, ordered at an initial hearing last year that Kachkar be held in a secure forensic unit at Ontario Shores mental health hospital in Whitby, Ont.

He has been detained there for about a year and at his first annual review Kachkar,

through his lawyer, requested that the board order him moved to the general forensic unit.

The hospital is recommending that he be kept in the secure unit and that his conditions not change - a recommendation supported by the Crown.

The review board ruled last year that Kachkar should be allowed escorted passes into the community, which was beyond the privileges Kachkar's lawyer requested.

The Crown appealed that decision, but Ontario's Appeal Court dismissed it, siding with the review board in ruling that granting Kachkar escorted trips into the community posed minimal risk to the public.

Russell's widow Christine called the board's previous decision a "slap in the face" and is attending Kachkar's hearing, along with her family.

NCR patients are subject to annual reviews at which board members decide whether they should get more or fewer privileges, or even be given an absolute discharge, once they are deemed to no longer pose a significant threat to public safety.

Apr 22 2014

CALGARY - A judge has ordered the suspect in Calgary's worst mass murder to undergo a 30-day assessment to determine whether he is mentally fit to stand trial.

Matthew de Grood, who is 22, was charged after five young people were stabbed to death at a house party that was being held to mark the end of the school year.

He was wearing blue coveralls when he appeared in court via closed-circuit television.

De Grood, the son of a senior Calgary police officer, appeared relaxed and leaned against a wall during the brief proceeding.

He is to return to court May 22.

He has been held in custody at the Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatry Centre since his arrest on five counts of first-degree murder.

Jordan Segura, Kaiti Perras, Josh Hunter, Zackariah Rathwell and Lawrence Hong were all at the party April 15 when they were killed.

De Grood's court appearance Tuesday came the same day as the funeral for Rathwell, a promising musician with the band Zackariah and the Prophets.

Three funerals were held Monday for Segura, Perras and Rathwell's bandmate Hunter. A service for Hong is scheduled for Wednesday.

Apr 22 2014

TORONTO - The man at the centre of the Maple Leaf Gardens sex abuse scandal pleaded guilty Tuesday to 100 charges involving 18 victims.

Gordon Stuckless, 65, entered the plea in a Toronto courtroom in relation to offences that took place decades ago.

The charges include indecent assault, sexual assault and gross indecency and span from 1965 to 1985.

Stuckless pleaded not guilty to several charges, including sexual assault with a weapon and buggery, and his lawyer Ari Goldkind

said a trial on those charges is expected to get underway in the next couple of weeks.

Crown attorney Kelly Beale is expected to request a dangerous offender assessment for Stuckless, but Goldkind said his client, who's on a sex offender registry, continues his chemical castration therapy and has been living "a very law-abiding life."

Stuckless was convicted in 1997 for sex assaults on 24 boys while he was an usher at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens between 1969 and 1988.

But he was forced back in the spotlight when police announced fresh charges against him in alleged incidents dating back decades.

All charges relating to separate investigations by Toronto police and York Region police have been merged together.

Apr 22 2014

VANCOUVER - The Crown says a judge made "significant errors" when an RCMP officer was found not guilty of perjury related to the Robert Dziekanski inquiry.

Prosecutors are appealing a verdict that found Const. Bill Bentley not guilty of lying in connection to his testimony at a public inquiry in 2009.

Bentley was among four RCMP officers who confronted Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport the night the Polish immigrant was stunned with a Taser and died.

The judge hearing the case concluded there were reasonable explanations for what Bentley told the inquiry, even after some of that testimony turned out to be incorrect when compared with a video of the incident.

In recently filed court documents, the Crown says the judge failed to properly consider evidence that suggested all four officers colluded before giving statements to homicide investigators the night Dziekanski died.

The documents says the judge misinterpreted the law when he ruled the Crown had failed to prove collusion, and that there's a possibility Bentley might be convicted if put on trial for a second time.

Apr 22 2014

WINDSOR, Ont. - A Windsor, Ont., police officer charged with drug possession in the U.S. is now facing a charge in Canada.

Windsor police say they have charged Const. David Bshouty with possession of a controlled substance - believed to be the prescription narcotic Oxycodone.

Bshouty was arrested and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance after entering the U.S. from Windsor on April 12.

He is to appear in court in Detroit on Friday for a preliminary hearing on that charge. Police say Bshouty has a court date in May on the charge laid in Windsor.

Windsor police say Bshouty has been suspended from duty.

Bshouty was hired as a cadet by the Windsor Police Service in February 2009.

Windsor police say they began an internal investigation in February after receiving an

anonymous tip regarding illegal drug activity by a police officer.

U.S. Homeland Security aided Windsor police in the two-month investigation that involved covert measures to gather evidence leading to Bshouty's arrest.

A Police Services Act investigation is ongoing, Windsor police said.

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The snow hasn't even finished melting, but calls about bears in urban areas of northern Ontario have already started.

This weekend, Sudbury Police responded to a complaint in Lively that a bear was found wandering the streets with a jar stuck on its head. The bear was tranquilized and police said it would be relocated.

In Timmins, Police Chief John Gauthier said the force has responded to three calls already this month about nuisance bears.

In recent years, Timmins Police have dealt with more than 500 bear calls in one season.

"For us in northern Ontario — and I think I include my friends and the chiefs in Sudbury and North Bay and surrounding areas [agree] we have to look at it — it's taxing on our resources at times," Gauthier said.

The Ministry of Natural Resources says police are responsible for threats to public safety — human or not.

At one time, the MNR played a bigger role in when it came to bear threats, said retired conservation officer Ian Anderson.

"I don't think it's a secret that the financial

resources available to the MNR are not what they were at one time," he said.

Gauthier said the MNR has provided some training for his officers, but he would like to see more resources to help police deal with the actual wildlife calls.

"It's taxing on our resources at times, because we never send a lone officer to these calls." (CBC News)

Apr 22 2014

There was a collective sigh of relief at the RCMP's Pacific Regional Training Centre (PRTC) Tuesday morning as it was formally announced that the guns will go silent.

The disruptive sound of gunfire from the PRTC's current open air range has long been the bane of the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) students and faculty, Vedder Crossing residential neighbours and Rotary Trail users.

"This has been a long time coming," said Supt. Michel Legault, officer in charge of PRTC said about the \$19 million in federal dollars to build the new indoor firing range.

Chilliwack-Fraser Canyon MP Mark Strahl was at PRTC to announce the funding for the state-of-the-art facility on behalf of Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Steven Blaney.

"That noise will be a thing of the past," Strahl said.

The 4,000-square-metre building (see artist's rendering below) will have two



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16-lane, 50-metre ranges that uses “some of the most advanced techniques in sound abatement,” according to Insp. Ken Burton, administration officer at PRTC.

Construction on the new firing range adjacent to other PRTC facilities at the corner of Keith Wilson and Tyson roads is expected to begin this summer and be completed by December 2015.

The building will be used to train and recertify RCMP officers as well as agents with the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA).

Acting mayor Ken Popove was at the announcement as was new Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation (CEPCO) president Brian Coombes, both of whom lauded former CEPCO president John Jansen for his hard work lobbying for the new range.

“We are pleased to see this long-term project come to fruition in the City of Chilliwack,” Popove said. “CEPCO has done a phenomenal job developing the Canada Education Park, and continues to work for the overall good of Chilliwack.”

CEPCO will serve as project manager on construction of the firing range, which will be completed by Chilliwack firm Preview Builders. The RCMP will then lease the facility from CEPCO for five years and then purchase it for the final cost of \$19 million.

The sound from the current outdoor range has been disruptive to neighbours of Garrison Crossing and other nearby residential areas. But no one is closer to the range than UFV students and staff, from whom there have been frequent complaints over the years.

Both UFV president Mark Evered and RCMP senior officers expressed gratitude to each other for the patience and understanding resolving those issues.

(Chilliwack Times)

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KENTVILLE, N.S. - Nova Scotia is allowing some judges to use new sentencing options to help addicts who commit crimes get treatment.

The government says the pilot project it is introducing in Kentville is the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada and courts there should begin hearing cases using the new program in May.

Those charged with an offence in Kings County can be referred to a court-monitored drug treatment program by their lawyer, the Crown, police, probation officers and community treatment partners.

Offenders can also refer themselves.

The government says to be eligible for the program, someone charged with a crime must plead guilty to the offence and be in a treatment program before they return to court for sentencing.

The court then monitors their progress in the program and to graduate from it, participants must be drug-free for at least three months and be involved in their community.

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MONTREAL - Police dismantled about 40 marijuana grow houses across Quebec Wednesday, in an early morning raid that saw cops seize 13,000 pot plants and arrest 22 people.

About 500 Sûreté du Québec officers were enlisted for the operation, which targeted independent growers. The raids began at around 6 a.m. in a swath of residential areas throughout the province, including the Laurentians, Lanaudière, Eastern Townships, Quebec City, Mauricie, Saguenay and Outaouais regions.

Police say the arrests came after a series of investigations connected to the SQ's anti-marijuana “Cisaille” task force. The plants could have yielded upwards of 3,000 pounds of pot and fetched \$6 million at wholesale prices, according to a former marijuana grower who spoke on condition of anonymity to The Gazette.

After news of a raid in Mascouche surfaced early Wednesday, a spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec told The Gazette police will be hitting suspected grow houses all day and into the night.

“All I can say is that our officers are targeting dozens of cities across the province,” said SQ Sgt. Audrey-Anne Bilodeau. “Anything more specific than that could put our officers’ safety at risk.”

The SQ launched its Cisaille task force in 1999 and seize up to 700,000 pot plants each year. The officers are busiest during the marijuana field harvest in the fall, which is mainly concentrated in Quebec’s Mauricie and Eastern Townships regions.

However, since hydroponic grow houses can run 12 months a year, there’s never truly a lack of supply for police to seize.

The 22 arrested will face drug production and trafficking charges and some will be accused of stealing electricity to power their hydroponic greenhouses.

More arrests could follow.
(Montreal Gazette)

Apr 23 2014

VANCOUVER - Dutch prosecutors says the possible extradition of a man accused of using the Internet to target underage girls, including B.C. teen Amanda Todd, won't necessarily have to wait until after his trial in Holland.

Thirty-five-year-old Aydin Coban is facing charges in Canada and the Netherlands over allegations he surreptitiously recorded webcam footage of underage girls and men and then used the footage to extort them.

The RCMP announced last week that Coban is facing five charges in B.C. related to Todd, a 15-year-old Port Coquitlam girl who turned to suicide after she was exploited online.

B.C.’s criminal justice branch has already

said it plans to ask the federal Justice Department to seek the man’s extradition to face trial in Canada, but there have been questions about how quickly that could happen.

Paul van der Zanden, a spokesman for Holland’s public prosecution service, says it hasn’t received a formal extradition request, so the court process in that country will continue toward a trial.

But van der Zanden suggests that plan could change if an extradition request is made, though he says he can’t speculate about precisely what would happen once that occurs.

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SQUAMISH - RCMP want Squamish to be a part of Canada’s first centralized real-time intelligence centre, but it comes at a cost.

The facility will roll all police detachments’ and municipal forces’ crime information into a 24/7 centre manned by 43 officers and staff, Supt. Brad Haugi told officials Tuesday. The Lower Mainland District Investigative Services Officer said the new centre would be able to relay that information to officers in the field as crimes unfold.

“It’s a new model for this country,” Haugi said, noting that currently, 19 separate databases are held with five separate organizations in B.C.

A lack of such an intelligence-sharing body was identified by Missing Women Inquiry Commissioner Wally Oppal as a key reason serial killer Robert Pickton was able to target so many victims. The centre will focus on gang crimes, violent and emotional persons, and sex offenders.

The facility’s funding will be covered 50 per cent by municipalities, 30 per cent by the provincial government and 20 per cent by the federal government. For Squamish, the payment works out to \$13,000 for this fiscal year, climbing to \$24,000 the following year, Haugi said.

The RCMP is doing upgrades it should have completed years ago, Coun. Susan Chapelle said. Policing is a federal responsibility and the centre sounds as though it is filling in a technological gap, she noted.

“Who is ultimately responsible for keeping your systems up to date?” Chapelle asked, noting the district already faces challenges meeting its RCMP payments.

Although the centre was not budgeted for within the municipal budget, the Squamish detachment has a surplus of \$350,000, RCMP Insp. Neil Cross told council.

“We will be able to mitigate it within the policing budget,” he said.

Sea to Sky Corridor communities and the Lower Mainland will be included in the centre’s first phase of rollout. The second step is to incorporate Vancouver Island police, Haugi said, noting the rest of the province will follow. The centre’s eventual budget is anticipated to sit at \$5.8 million.

(Squamish Chief)

A controversial Italian-made plane ordered by former RCMP commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli a decade ago is on the auction block.



Bids start at \$2.5 million for the twin-engine Piaggio 180 Avanti, according to the government of Canada's surplus website. The RCMP paid more than \$8 million for the nine-seater when it made the eyebrow-raising purchase in 2002.

At the time, many mocked Zaccardelli for hand-picking the sleek-looking plane, which has the appearance of a jet even though it has two propellers.

Zaccardelli defended the purchase by saying it was "just one more aircraft" needed for RCMP operations.

In 2010, documents posted to the RCMP website showed that some of the planes in the Mounties' fleet had been used by top brass to fly to social events.

RCMP spokesperson Julie Gagnon said Wednesday the force retired the Piaggio on April 1, 2014 "as part of the RCMP's efforts to realize financial efficiencies."

She told CBC News the decision was made following an "evaluation of maintenance costs and operational requirements," added that disposing of the aircraft will have a limited effect as the Mounties have other aircraft in their fleet.

The Piaggio was just one example of Zaccardelli's lavish spending while at the helm of Canada's national police force.

He also spent roughly \$180,000 renovating his office. His expenses included \$30,000 for leather furniture and \$42,000 on his personal bathroom, as well as a remote-control-activated door, which insiders say was used to signal when Zaccardelli wanted people to leave his office.

Zaccardelli left the force in 2006 and later assumed a position with Interpol. (CBC News)



WINNIPEG - The Manitoba government says it will introduce legislation this spring to expand the use of restorative justice as a way to reduce crime and relieve the burden on the province's justice system.

Justice Minister Andrew Swan says in a release that court resources could then be used for cases that are more pressing to public safety and potentially assist in reducing

pressure on correctional facilities.

It's expected the Restorative Justice Act could be especially useful in cases involving offenders with mental health conditions, addictions or other behavioural issues.

Studies have repeatedly identified overcrowding as an issue in correctional facilities, while over-burdening of the justice system is a chronic complaint.

A number of programs are already in place for adults and youth in Manitoba, including mediation, prostitution diversion and Salvation Army services covering such issues as anger management and domestic violence. (Winnipeg Free Press)

OTTAWA - The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled against the Ontario government in a case involving access to some information from the province's sex offender registry.

A freedom-of-information request asked the ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to disclose the number of offenders living in each area designated by the first three digits of Ontario postal codes.

The ministry refused, citing privacy exemptions.

The province's information commissioner ruled the exemptions did not apply and ordered disclosure.

The ministry unsuccessfully appealed that decision before turning to the Supreme Court.

In its 7-0 decision, the high court sided with the commissioner.

"We are of the view that the commissioner made no reviewable error in ordering disclosure," Justices Thomas Cromwell and Richard Wagner wrote on behalf of the court.

They said the commissioner carefully considered the relationship between the sex registry law and the freedom of information statute.

"She reasonably concluded that disclosure could not lead to the identification of offenders or of their home addresses and that the ministry did not provide sufficient evidence of the risk of the harms which the relied-on exemptions seek to prevent," the ruling said.

"We would dismiss the appeal."

OTTAWA - Ottawa police are proposing a two-year plan to improve access to stun guns for front-line officers.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is to consider a report containing the police recommendations at its meeting Monday.

The report says conducted energy weapons are not readily accessible to front-line first class officers in violent or life-threatening situations since currently only five to 15 of them are out on the road at any one time for the entire city.

The police force wants to buy up to 100 more of them next year and increase the number of the devices on the road to between 29 and 39 by the end of the two years.

The report released Thursday is the result of a review by Ottawa police following the release of revised Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services guidelines.

Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau says the report follows several months of consultation, research and study on conducted energy weapons.

"It takes into account ideas and input received during the public consultation and stakeholder meetings, as well as internal feedback, and details a measured approach to improving ready access to CEWs for front line patrol," he said.

The Ottawa Police Service says it has issued the devices since 2000 and their use "has proven to be safe and effective in resolving dangerous encounters."

On average, the service says the weapons are deployed 19 times a year.

It says the report recommends the board amend its policy to allow first class constables who meet certain criteria to carry the devices.

TORONTO - Two police officers have been found not guilty of assault in connection with an incident in which

a man who had allegedly attacked a parking enforcement officer was himself assaulted at a Toronto police station.

Const. Paul Ramos and Const. Manpreet Kharbar were each charged with assault following the April 24, 2011 beating of Keith Ryan at 14 Division by Devon Henry, who was then a parking enforcement officer.

Their acquittal came in a written judgment released at the Brampton courthouse on Thursday morning.

Ramos and Kharbar were joined by supporters who shook their hands in the hallway following the verdict.

Ryan was a suspect in an attack on Henry, who suffered a concussion after he was knocked face-first onto the ground while writing a parking ticket near Queen St. W. and Ossington Ave.

Henry was found guilty of assault in 2013 and sentenced to 100 hours of community service. He was also fired from his job. (Toronto Star)