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## New Apple encryption locks out police



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**Apple** said Wednesday night that it is making it impossible for the company to turn over data from most iPhones or iPads to police — even when they have a search warrant.

The move, announced with the publication of a new privacy policy tied to the release of Apple's latest mobile operating system, iOS 8, amounts to an engineering solution to a legal quandary: Rather than comply with binding court orders, Apple has reworked its latest encryption in a way that prevents the company — or anyone but the device's owner — from gaining access to the vast troves of user data typically stored on smartphones or tablet computers.

The key is the encryption that Apple mobile devices automatically put in place when a user selects a passcode, making it difficult for anyone who lacks that passcode to access the information within, including photos, e-mails and recordings. Apple once maintained the ability to unlock some content on devices for legally binding police requests but will no longer do so for iOS 8, it said in the new privacy policy.

"Unlike our competitors, Apple cannot bypass your passcode and therefore cannot access this data," Apple said on its Web site. "So it's not technically feasible for us to respond to government warrants for the extraction of this data from devices in their possession running iOS 8."

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As the new operating system becomes widely deployed over the next several weeks, the number of iPhones and iPads that Apple is capable of breaking into for police will steadily dwindle to the point where only devices several years old — and incapable of running iOS 8 — can be unlocked by Apple.

Apple will still have the ability — and the legal responsibility — to turn over user data stored elsewhere, such as in its iCloud service, which typically includes backups of photos, videos, e-mail communications, music collections and more. Users who want to prevent all forms of police access to their information will have to adjust settings in a way that blocks data from flowing to iCloud.

Apple's new privacy policy comes less than five months after the US Supreme Court ruled that police in most circumstances need a search warrant to collect information stored on phones. Apple's action makes that distinction largely moot by depriving itself of the power to comply with search warrants for the contents of many of the phones it sells.

The move is the latest in a series in which Apple has sought to distinguish itself from competitors through more rigorous security.

Ronald T. Hosko, the former head of the FBI's criminal investigative division, called the move by Apple "problematic," saying it will contribute to the steady decrease of law enforcement's ability to collect key evidence — to solve crimes and prevent them.

The agency long has publicly worried about the "going dark" problem, in which the rising use of encryption across a range of services has undermined government's ability to conduct surveillance, even when it is legally authorized.

"Our ability to act on data that does exist ... is critical to our success," Hosko said. He suggested that it would take a major event, such as a terrorist attack, to cause the pendulum to swing back toward giving authorities access to a broad range of digital information.

(Washington Post)

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

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### **SAINT JOHN, N.B. - The RCMP in New Brunswick say 28 people arrested Wednesday were part of a drug-trafficking network that also reached into Nova Scotia and Quebec.**

The Mounties say marijuana, cocaine and heroin were seized as part of the investigation, dubbed Operation J-Tornado, as well as firearms and cash.

Police say the drugs were supplied to two organized crime groups in Saint John from Halifax and Montreal.

They say another crime group in Moncton, N.B., also supplied drugs, which were distributed across New Brunswick.

Police had originally said 29 people had been arrested but that number was changed to 28 on Thursday.

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### **CALGARY - Worried about the criminal radicalization of Calgary youth, members of the community gathered to strategize on how to prevent it.**

Representatives from the Calgary police, RCMP, imams, the provincial government and the Muslim community took part.

RCMP Supt. George Stephenson said "there is an issue here and the RCMP acknowledges that and we are working diligently with our partners in the Calgary police services, that's for sure."

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson warned that criminally radicalized Canadians, trained and programmed overseas, pose a serious threat when they return home.

Summit organizer Mahdi Qasqas said the main objective is to "improve the way we participate with law enforcement, government, academia, media and other stakeholders in preventing crime. We believe that by working together to empower youth we can prevent criminal radicalization."

A Calgary mother wants to ensure no other families have to live through what she did when her son, Damian Claremont, was killed in Syria after being recruited to fight for ISIS.

Christianne Boudreau said "I can't let him die in vain I have to have to do something so something positive can come out of this terrible thing."

News of Damian's death reached Christianne in January 2012, she said she didn't know how deep her son was in until it was too late.

Boudreau said she only found out after the fact that the RCMP had been watching her son for almost 2 years.

"Unfortunately in our case, the authorities didn't alert us until after he was gone. If they had made us aware as parent's maybe we would've had a chance."

Boudreau brought tears to the eyes of the 100 or so people gathered to hear her speak

about her son.

She said she never lost hope that Damian could change his mind and return to her.

Now she wants to offer that hope to other families.

She has begun the process of bringing a chapter of a German group called Hayat to Canada.

Hayat means "life" in Arabic, it's an offshoot of a German organization called Exit which has had success in deprogramming neo-Nazis.

Boudreau, who urged politicians to help with funding, has a meeting this weekend to find out what the next step in setting up a Hayat chapter here look like.

"I don't think this is going to go away anytime soon, we have to get to the root of the problem if we are going to help anybody."

(QMI Agency)

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

Sep 12 2014

### **TORONTO - Toronto police are warning about the dangers of so-called "research drugs" available on the Internet after recent overdose incidents in the city.**

Insp. Howie Page says two men in their early 20s accidentally overdosed and were hospitalized due to use of such drugs, which are meant for research purposes and not recreational use.

He says police believe the victims purchased the drugs online and took them because they thought their effects would be similar to those of cocaine or ecstasy.

Police say the substances, which can be snorted, smoked, injected or diluted in a liquid, are not controlled by the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

But they want people to know that the drugs (sold as ethylphenidate and methylbenzypiperazine) may be fatal to some and in fact, many of the packages are labelled as "not for human consumption."

Page says people may have a "false sense of safety" when they read things from unknown sources on the Internet advising them on the use of certain drugs.

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### **VANCOUVER - Pedestrian deaths in Vancouver's streets this year are at their lowest point since the city began tracking them in 1934, according to new police data.**

So far only one pedestrian has been killed compared to seven last year, Insp. Les Yeo told the Vancouver Police Board this week. Five people have been killed in traffic accidents this year, that's down from 14 at the same time last year, Yeo said.

Yeo attributed the decline to public education and enforcement campaigns against distracted driving that targeted Vancouver's highest-risk intersections using crash data from the Insurance Corp. of British Columbia.

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“Pedestrian safety has been a big priority for City Council this term, with the implementation of our first-ever Pedestrian Safety Action Plan two years ago and the goal of zero pedestrian fatalities established by Council in the Transportation 2040 Plan,” Mayor Gregor Robertson, who also chairs the Vancouver Police Board, said in a news release.

While pedestrians are only involved in about two per cent of all collisions, they comprise over 60 per cent of the deaths, the City of Vancouver’s director of transportation Jerry Dobrovolny told the board.

In about three quarters of the pedestrian collisions the pedestrian has the right of way, Dobrovolny said.

About 12 per cent of people in Vancouver walk to work, one of the highest shares among several Canadian and international cities, according to a 2012 city staff report. The 2012 report also found nearly half of all pedestrian fatalities in Vancouver take place in January and February.

In November, December and January typically see at least roughly 250 pedestrian collisions a month, according to city data for 2009-2013.

(Vancouver Sun)

Sep 12 2014

**SUMMERSIDE – There may come a time in the near future when Summerside’s Atlantic Police Academy is reshaped into something entirely new.**



It’s a day the facility’s executive director, Edgar MacLeod foresees with a great deal of enthusiasm.

MacLeod, a veteran police commander originally from Cape Breton, said recently that the survival of the Academy as it stands today depends upon making changes to the way they do business. They must respond to new economic realities; primarily that many communities just aren’t hiring new police right now.

“The fact is that the economy has a huge roll to play at our business here at Atlantic Police Academy here in Summerside,” he said.

“Municipalities, towns and cities across the Maritimes and elsewhere are really struggling with their finances ... this kind of slowing down of the economy means there’s less recruiting happening, people are not retiring as quick and when they are retiring they’re not being replaced.”

“Looking forward – we can expect to see more of this for the next three – to five years.”

This all means that the Academy is

facing pressure on its bread and butter program, Police Sciences.

About five years ago there were about 90 police recruits in the program. This year (classes start in January) there are projected to be about 50.

That’s a big loss of revenue for the institution, said MacLeod, and it needs to be made up somewhere.

“I have to come up with a strategy or game plan to either cut the services or cut our costs, which are largely instructors and people, or generate alternate sources of revenue,” he said.

He’s betting on that third option.

MacLeod sees the Academy eventually becoming what he’s calling the Canadian Centre of Public Safety Excellence. It’s a beefed up name for a beefed up institution.

Over the last number of years the facility has expanded its program offerings into correctional services, conservation enforcement, use of force, driver training, firefighting and various other law enforcement specialties.

MacLeod would like to see these courses expanded further and more emphasis put on marketing their availability to agencies and municipalities outside Atlantic Canada.

“We’ve done very well just off the corner of our desk. We’re seeing growth in this area without a particularly funded marketing strategy – so I’m saying to myself, could you imagine if we had some money, if government supported us a little bit, to do a marketing campaign,” he said.

And while many Maritime communities are not hiring new police officers, Western Provinces are facing shortages.

Medicine Hat, Alberta, MacLeod pointed out, has hired 20 new police officers over the last couple of years, a huge number for the size of the community.

So there are opportunities out there and the Academy has both the facilities and expertise to meet these demands, he added. It’s just a matter of getting the word out.

“We in the Maritimes and P.E.I. have to look at this thing that it’s not negative. There are opportunities, but we all have to row together to make this happen.”

(Journal Pioneer)



Sep 14 2014

**REGINA - Three Mounties fatally shot by a gunman in Moncton, N.B., have been honoured in a ceremony at the RCMP’s training academy in Regina.**

The names of Constables Dave Ross, Fabrice Gevaudan and Douglas Larche were inscribed on a cenotaph, honour roll and memorial wall plaques on Sunday during the force’s annual national memorial service for those killed in the line of duty.

The RCMP says the ceremonies were observed by friends and family of the slain constables, as well as the public, several dignitaries and scores of Mounties neatly dressed in

their red serge uniforms.

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson says in a statement that the shootings were “a tragedy that was felt by residents of Moncton, Canadians across this country and every member of the Force.”

Two other constables were injured in the June 24 incident, for which 24-year-old Justin Bourque last month pleaded guilty to three charges of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

Bourque is to return to court Oct. 27 when victim impact statements and pre-sentencing documents will be filed with the court.

Sep 14 2014

**OTTAWA - Annual seizures of mobile phones from federal prisoners have more than doubled in recent years as correctional officials try to prevent their clandestine use in drug trafficking and organized criminal activities.**

The Correctional Service of Canada says officials confiscated 137 phones from inmates through the first 10 months of the fiscal year.

Figures released under the Access to Information Act show that’s up from 51 phones in 2008-09 and 94 devices in 2009-10.

As the numbers climb, officials are grappling with how to keep the phones out of institutions and stop inmates from using the devices that do slip behind bars.

An internal briefing note says New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, France and Mexico are using jamming technology in some prisons.

The United States introduced legislation in 2009 to allow jamming in institutions, though the bill died the following year.

Sep 14 2014

**RCMP analysts have warned government and industry that environmental extremists pose a “clear and present criminal threat” to Canada’s energy sector, and are more likely to strike at critical infrastructure than religiously inspired terrorists, according to a report released under Access to Information.**

Written by the force’s critical infrastructure intelligence team, the 22-page RCMP document argues there is a “growing criminal phenomenon” associated with environmentalism that aims to interfere with regulatory reviews and force companies to forego development.

“Environmental ideologically motivated individuals including some who are aligned with a radical, criminal extremist ideology pose a clear and present criminal threat to Canada’s energy sector,” said the report, written in March 2011.

Since then, the RCMP has held regular meetings with energy companies and federal officials to review potential threats to infrastructure, and faces formal complaints that it conducted surveillance on environmental groups that oppose construction of Enbridge Inc.’s Northern Gateway pipeline.

The paper highlighted Canada’s oil sands sector as one that has attracted considerable opposition because it is a major producer of greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

Law enforcement and national security officials worry about a “growing radicalized environmentalist faction” who oppose the oil sands and other energy development, it said.

Most of Canada’s counter-terrorism effort has been aimed at international jihadis, and there have been a number of high-profile prosecutions against Canadian residents who plotted to conduct attacks either at home or abroad.

“In reality, criminal occurrences attributed to environmentalists have and are more likely to, occur within Canada,” the report said. It added that the Canadian Security Intelligence Agency (CSIS) monitors individuals and organizations that might be involved in domestic terrorism, “including the threat or use of violence by groups advocating for issues such as the environment.”

(Globe and Mail)

Sep 14 2014

**CALGARY - Calgary police handed out 45 warnings throughout August to drivers and motorcyclists that caught their attention while they were testing out a noise-measuring device.**

Now they are prepared to use the device to help issue real tickets for stunting or equipment violations as they see fit.

Traffic cops tested out the device, which tells them when a vehicle exceeds what’s considered a normal noise level in a particular area, in 10 different spots.

“I was kind of hoping we wouldn’t have to do any,” said Insp. Ken Thrower, but added he wasn’t surprised by the number of warnings issued.

The point of the device is not to identify noisy vehicles, said Thrower, it’s to act as backup proof when police believe a person is using a vehicle to make an obnoxious scene.

“It’s really about behaviour and the behaviour is what’s going to get your bike, your car, your truck, any vehicle looked at for equipment,” he said, adding the main purpose is education.

Using the device is “labour intensive,” said Thrower, adding the process requires three officers to stand at different points along a street, one of them holding the device.

All three officers have to generate a consensus that a particular vehicle is louder than it should be.

“The icing on the cake would be the noise device,” said Thrower, adding it simply verifies whether or not what the officers have observed is true.

The whole thing is very subjective, said Thrower, as the normal noise level varies from place to place based on a number of factors including the activity going on, the weather, the volume of traffic and the density of buildings and structures.

Establishing normal noise thresholds in different parts of town was part of the police experiment last month.

Now, cops have taken their findings to the Crown to go over how the device can best aid them in laying charges related to stunting or equipment violations in the future.

The device was ready for use in issuing tickets as of Sept. 1, said Thrower.

“If you’re stunting right now, tomorrow, we’re going to write you a ticket,” he said.

A ticket under the Traffic Safety Act will cost offenders \$115.

During their trial, Thrower said police received great feedback.

“We got huge public support,” he said, adding even some of those people given warnings admitted the merits of the system.

“Even the people that got stopped were like ... ‘Yep, you’re right.’”

(Sun Media)



Sep 15 2014

**VANCOUVER - A British Columbia man who lured teenage girls into prostitution has been convicted of 30 charges including human trafficking, believed to be the first such conviction in the province.**

Reza Moazami was charged with 36 counts that also included living on the avails of a juvenile, sexual assault and sexual interference.

Three of the offences he’s been convicted of have minimum five-year sentences.

B.C. Supreme Court heard during Moazami’s trial that he recruited at-risk girls using promises of drugs, booze and the companionship of a pet dog.

Sep 15 2014

**The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) has commended the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) for how its officers deal with people in crisis.**

The MHCC launched its report, entitled TEMPO: Police Interactions — A report towards improving interactions between police and people living with mental health problems, at the CACP Conference in Victoria.

The report was the result of a comprehensive, seven-year survey of Canadian police organizations, a literature review, an international comparative review of police learning programs and direct interviews with a variety of police and mental health professionals.

All 12 of the basic police training academies reviewed reported specific content related to attitudes towards people with mental illness and how that might affect an officer’s behaviour and response, the study noted.

Most of the academies specifically identified stigma, social and personal attitudes toward mental illness, and assumptions about the relationship between dangerousness, violence and mental disorders.

“Notably, only the Atlantic Police Academy, the Calgary Police, the Edmonton Police and the Justice Institute of British Columbia addressed all three of these areas in their curricula,” the report noted.

The report outlined 16 recommendations for police education and training to better prepare Canadian police personnel for interactions with people with mental illness. Key recommendations included:

- That police learning be designed and delivered by a combination of police personnel, adult educators, mental health professionals, mental health advocacy organizations and people living with mental illness;
- More inclusion of non-physical interventions (verbal communication, interpersonal skills, de-escalation, defusing and calming techniques) in use-of-force training;
- That provincial governments establish policing standards that include provision for mandatory basic and periodic training qualification or requalification for interactions with people with mental illness; and
- That training provides a better understanding of the symptoms of mental illness and the ability to assess the influence a mental illness might have on a person’s behaviour and comprehension.

Sep 15 2014

**OTTAWA - The federal government has released details of its plan to address the issue of violence against aboriginal women and girls.**

Labour Minister Kellie Leitch, who is also minister for the status of women, says the plan consists of a range of measures to address the problem.

They include the development of more community safety plans both off and on reserves and projects to break intergenerational cycles of violence and abuse.

The plan also proposes projects to empower aboriginal women and girls to denounce and prevent violence.

The last budget earmarked \$25 million over five years to address crimes against aboriginal woman and girls.

The government has steadfastly refused calls from the opposition and aboriginal groups for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

Leitch said there have been 40 such studies already.

“Now is not the time for another study, another look by the lawyers,” she said. “Now is the time for action.”

Leitch said the newly released plan is evidence of the government’s commitment.

The largest single chunk of the \$25 million is \$8.6 million allocated for community safety plans.

The government says overall it has budgeted almost \$200 million over five years to deal with violence against aboriginal women, including \$158.7 million for shelters and family violence prevention activities, starting next year.

The government also plans to establish a DNA-based missing persons index and pledges better liaison between police and the families of victims.

“These abhorrent acts of violence will not be tolerated,” Leitch said in a statement.

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**THETFORD MINES - Thetford Mines city council has opted to save its police force rather than switch to SQ provincial policing.**

Mayor Marc-Alexandre Brousseau said at a council meeting Monday evening that if the city signed on with the SQ, it might have had to pay about \$3.2 million to help balance the pension plans of its officers.

The abolition of the Thetford Mines force would have led to “an immediate and non-reimbursable outflow of taxpayer funds,” said Brousseau.

Brousseau said that the switch should not take place in such a time of uncertainty.

Town council fears that the government will force them to raise their stake in the sum require to finance the SQ services.

Thetford Mines is a city of about 25,000 residents that sits about 230 km east of Montreal.



Sep 16 2014

**TORONTO – A program for Canadian veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is expanding its reach to the RCMP.**

Can Praxis uses horses to help veterans recover from PTSD and operational stress injuries. Now it will conduct a similar equine assisted learning (EAL) program for RCMP members and their spouses.

Founders Steve Critchley, a 28-year veteran and mediator, and Jim Marland, a registered psychologist and EAL facilitator, work with small groups from a ranch in Alberta. During the three-day program, they help members with PTSD recover from traumatic experiences while repairing relationships with family members.

The program helps veterans, and now RCMP members, reconnect with family members, learn effective communication skills and manage conflict.

Critchley explains that they use horses for a number of reasons, first because they are a herd animal. “Horses understand the need for social interaction,” Critchley told Global News in a previous interview. “Horses are also hyper-vigilant, [they] can pick up on emotions and feelings.”

Can Praxis’ EAL facilitators interpret the reactions of the horses for the participants to increase their own self-awareness.

“With a horse, if you come on too strong and aggressive, it will take off. We show them through exercises, that if they approach things differently the horse will come back, because the horse will believe that [they’re] worthwhile to trust and respect,” said Critchley.

The lessons learned while working with the horses can then be applied to how the individual interacts with family members.

Re-entering civilian life and getting help with PTSD and other operational stress injuries can come with financial challenges.

Critchley said it has always been important that the programs are free to attend; costs covered for the participants include everything from flight and hotels to meals and babysitting, if required.

The session for RCMP members, running from Oct. 9 to 11 in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, is funded by Boot Campaign Canada and Wounded Warriors Canada.

Retired and active RCMP members who wish to attend can contact [steve@canpraxis.com](mailto:steve@canpraxis.com) (Global News)

Sep 16 2014

**SYDNEY, N.S. - An appointment to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's board of police commissioners is under review.**

The nominating committee has referred the matter to the police commission for further discussion over a possible conflict of interest.

The preferred candidate to fill a vacant citizen position has a brother who’s a police officer on the unionized force.

Mayor Cecil Clarke, who chairs the nominating committee, says it’s believed the information only came to light recently.

A conflict of interest could prevent the new police commission member from discussing and voting on important police matters such as its annual budget, the collective bargaining process and personnel matters.

There were four applicants shortlisted for the vacant spot on the board.

(Cape Breton Post)

Sep 16 2014

**MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - The province's police watchdog has found there are no reasonable grounds to charge a York Region officer in relation with the motorcycle death of a 28-year-old man in June.**

The Special Investigations Unit says the motorcycle driver was riding his bike around 11:15 p.m. on June 14 north of Newmarket, Ont., when a police officer in the area was investigating a report of a suspicious vehicle and travelling in the same direction.

The SIU says the motorcyclist was behind the cruiser and collided with the car as the officer was attempting a U-turn on the road.

SIU Director Tony Loparco says a forensic reconstruction of events around the collision put the motorcycle’s speed at about 148 to 154 kilometres per hour just before it left a skid mark in an attempt to avoid hitting the cruiser.

He says the bike’s speed at impact is thought to have been about 142 kilometres per hour.

Loparco says he suspects the bike would not have been visible to the officer if he checked the road before starting his U-turn.

Sep 16 2014

**RED DEER, Alta. - Lawyers say a shortage of judges lead to home invasion charges against three people being stayed in Red Deer Court of Queen's Bench.**

The stay was granted after it took more than two years for the trial to start.

The three were charged with break and enter, robbery and assault following a May 27, 2012, home invasion.

Their lawyers applied for a stay of proceedings Monday because it had taken so long to get to court.

Justice Monica Bast granted the stay. The three were originally scheduled for a judge-alone trial starting Oct. 1, 2013.

Defence lawyer Michael Scrase said they were told there was no justice available for the case to go to trial.

“We’re suffering as a result of the lack of resources at this point,” Scrase said.

He said there had been talk of Red Deer getting another Queen’s Bench justice, but nothing has happened.

Josh Stewart, a spokesman for Alberta Justice, said the province needs more Queen’s Bench judges, which are appointed by Ottawa.

“Alberta still badly needs additional judges on the Court of Queen’s Bench. On a per capita basis, our province has (the) lowest number of judges at this level of court in Canada,” Stewart wrote in an email.

“We continue to support the Court of Queen’s Bench in their request to the federal government to appoint more judges. In the meantime, we are trying to take pressure off Queen’s Bench judges by bringing in case management counsel to assist with the resolution of court cases.”

Clarissa Lamb, a spokeswoman for federal Justice Minister Peter McKay, said Ottawa plans to appoint more judges in Alberta this year, but did not provide any details.

Sep 16 2014

**PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. - A British Columbia judge who formally sentenced a serial killer to life in prison commended a rookie police officer for his stellar instincts, which stopped the predator from continuing to destroy more lives.**

“He lacks any shred of empathy or remorse,” B.C. Supreme Court Justice Glen Parrett said of Cody Legebokoff. “He should never be allowed to walk among us again.”

A jury found Legebokoff guilty last week of the first-degree murders in the deaths of Jill Stuchenko and Cynthia Maas, both 35, Natasha Montgomery, 23, and 15-year-old Loren Leslie.

On Tuesday, Parrett sentenced Legebokoff to four concurrent terms of life without eligibility for parole until November 2035, calculated from the date he was arrested in 2010, although he can apply for a reduction after 15 years.

Parrett told a packed courtroom that the conditions of the bodies that were found, though Montgomery has remained missing, show Legebokoff’s intention “appeared to be aimed not simply at killing the victims, but degrading and destroying.”

Legebokoff had an eight-inch height advantage over the tallest of the victims and a

100-pound weight advantage over the heaviest, Parrett said.

"These are not the actions of a simple killer but something infinitely worse," Parrett said. "This is a man who by his actions has demonstrated the absolute need to be separated from society," he said.

Parrett commended investigators for the "good solid police work" they used to bring Legebokoff to justice but also noted that an inexperienced officer's hunch played a key role in sparking the investigation.

RCMP Const. Aaron Kehler pulled Legebokoff over for speeding on the night of Nov. 27, 2010 when he saw him driving onto Highway 27 from a rarely used logging road about 40 kilometres north of Vanderhoof, B.C.

He noticed blood on Legebokoff's face and clothes, sparking a series of events that led to the discovery of the lifeless but still-warm body of Leslie, a legally-blind 15-year-old girl, leading to a wider investigation.

If Legebokoff had not been pulled over, he could have gone on to kill more women, Parrett said.

"What followed was good, sound police work that tried to integrate separate investigations and bring them to trial," Parrett said.

Parrett also waded into the debate over a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

"I am aware of comments being made to the effect that there is no need to embark on any formal inquiry into missing and murdered women, that policing is the solution to this problem," Parrett said.

"With the greatest of respect to those of a different view, we should all be eternally grateful to a very young and inexperienced police officer whose instincts were sound and on the money."

Parrett went on to say the issue of missing and murdered women is not "just a First Nations issue," although he noted they still represent a disproportionately high number.

"It is a sociological issue, one that arises from, among other things, a high-risk lifestyle," Parrett said. "It is something that must be dealt with."

Two of Legebokoff's victims were First Nations, and the three women were described in court as being drug-addicted sex workers.

He also said an 84 per cent cut to the budget of the Highway of Tears task force won't help victims of crime.

The force, focused on missing and murdered women along highways in B.C.'s north, at one time had 70 police officers plus support staff, and now has 12 investigators. Ten of the 18 victims are aboriginal.

(Prince George Citizen)

Sep 16 2014

**PORT HARDY, B.C. - Eight people are facing multiple charges after police raids resulted in the seizure of drugs, weapons and \$35,000 in cash in two Vancouver Island communities.**

RCMP say search warrants were executed at three suspected drug houses in Port Hardy and another in Port McNeill.

Police say crack cocaine, morphine, marijuana and firearms were found at the four locations.

The seven men and one woman arrested range in age from 21 to 55 and face trafficking and weapons-related charges.

They have all been released pending court appearances.

A ninth person who was also taken into custody last week has not yet been formally charged.

Sep 16 2014

**SYDNEY, N.S. - A school board in Cape Breton has added cameras to the outside of eight school buses to catch drivers who ignore the flashing lights that tell them to stop when students are getting on or off.**

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board says it had to do something when a provincewide survey revealed the region had the highest number of violators spotted by bus drivers - 87 over a two-week period.

The board already wants to outfit more buses with cameras.

Spokeswoman Colleen MacMullin says the cameras will begin rolling next week.

The footage capturing violations will then be sent to police.

Sep 16 2014

**WINNIPEG - Jury duty is a serious thing, but one Winnipeg woman says when she got a summons recently to show up in court, she thought it was a joke.**

Sophie Nemis is 97 years old.

She says when her lawyer contacted her to say he had received a notification on her behalf, she thought maybe they got the wrong person.

But Nemis, who likes to watch "Judge Judy" on television, is not one to shy away from her responsibilities and says she is willing to help.

Her son, Dan Nemis, says he has no doubt his mother is intellectually capable of

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serving as a member of a jury, but he worries about her physical abilities.

He says she is well enough to live on her own but needs frequent naps, bathroom breaks and has hearing issues.  
(CTV Winnipeg)

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Sep 17 2014

### **OTTAWA - In a surprise move, an Ottawa man has pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing explosives with an intent to injure.**

The plea means Hiva Mohammad Alizadeh, 34, will not face trial in February as previously expected.

Alizadeh, who once studied electrical engineering technology in Winnipeg, was arrested in August 2010 as part of an alleged extremist conspiracy.

Police seized terrorist literature, videos and manuals along with dozens of electronic circuit boards - gadgets the Crown says were designed to detonate homemade bombs remotely.

As part of a deal with the Crown, Alizadeh will be sentenced to 24 years in prison.

After accounting for time served - credited as six years - Alizadeh faces a maximum of 18 more years behind bars, and he has agreed not to apply for parole for at least nine years.

Two other terrorism-related charges against Alizadeh have been dropped.

Sep 17 2014

### **TORONTO - Is using a smartwatch behind the wheel a ticketable offence under the country's distracted driving laws?**

It's up to the police to decide, says Ontario's transportation ministry.

We're not sure yet, says a spokesman for Ontario's provincial police force.

Although numerous smartwatches have hit the market in the last couple of years, it's expected Apple's simply named Watch will really kick start interest in the devices when it's released in early 2015.

That delay buys authorities some time to figure out whether current distracted driving legislation already covers the new class of devices.

"There's nothing illegal about looking at your watch to see what time it is, but if you're consumed by the functions of the watch (that's different)," says OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt.

Each province has penalties in place for drivers caught distracted by one of their screens, with most legislation specifically outlawing the use of "hand-held" phones while driving, but allowing exceptions for "hands-free" devices.

Should a smartwatch be considered hands-free if it can be controlled by voice, or will laws need to be updated so they don't specifically refer to hand-held devices?

"The actual definition of distracted driving (in Ontario) is driving with a hand-held communication device, so I think it would be somewhat difficult for the courts to accept (a smartwatch) was hand-held, (since) it's strapped to your wrist," says Schmidt.

"Whether or not (drivers) are holding it, that's up to the judgment of the justice of the

peace. This is going to take some time to really establish how we move forward and get some advice from prosecution lawyers as well."

The Canadian Press attempted to poll all the provincial transportation ministries about the emerging issue but received few clear answers. Quebec indicated it is currently reviewing its distracted driving law, some provinces responded with vague statements that did not directly answer questions, and most did not reply at all.

A spokesman for Ontario's transportation minister, Steven Del Duca, said in an email that police will have to assess how to interpret the law currently on the books.

"The new Apple Watch is a multi-purpose device. Some features available on the device may be permitted under the province's distracted driving provisions, while others would not be. In situations where the distracted driving law does not apply, anyone who chooses to put others at risk by driving while distracted can still be charged with careless driving," wrote Patrick Searle.

"Police interpret and enforce the Highway Traffic Act. It's up to police to determine if a driver's use of any electronic device while driving or stopped warrants any charge(s) being laid."

Sep 17 2014

### **WINNIPEG - Winnipeg police say some bones have been found by volunteers searching the banks of the Red River.**

Const. Jason Michalyszen says police were called about the discovery by a group looking for missing and murdered aboriginal women.

He says the bones have been taken as evidence and are being analyzed.

He says police don't know whether the bones are human and could have been carried there by the strong current of the river.

Volunteers are preparing to drag the Red River following the discovery of the body of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine in the hopes of bringing closure to other families.

Michalyszen says police will have a boat on the river when the volunteers launch their search on the water.

Sep 17 2014

### **CALGARY - Alberta RCMP say they did nothing wrong when they didn't issue an Amber Alert for a missing nine-year-old girl allegedly killed by her mother.**

Cpl. Sharon Franks says an internal review has found officers complied with alert protocols after Amber Lucius was reported missing by her father.

Court documents show the child lived with her father and went to visit her mother on Aug. 28.

They say that when Laura Coward failed to return her daughter three days later, the father called RCMP and they searched for the girl together.

Mounties discovered her body Sept. 2 in a vehicle parked on a rural road near Sundre, southwest of Red Deer.

Coward has been charged with first-degree murder and is to appear in court Oct. 6.

Sep 17 2014

### **Longtime Delta Police Chief Jim Cessford has announced he will retire early next year, after two decades at the helm in Delta.**

Cessford, who joined the Delta Police department in 1995, said after discussing the matter with his family, decided it's a good time to move on.

"The department is in a good place right now and we have an outstanding team ready to take on the challenge of leading the organization into the future," he said, adding Delta is one of the safest communities in Canada.

Cessford began his career in Alberta, where he served with the Edmonton Police Service for 27 years in various roles, including hostage negotiator and major crimes investigator.

He received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, the Order of Merit for Police Services in 2010 and was named Delta's Citizen of the Year in 2009.

Mayor Lois Jackson, who is also chair of the Police Board, said there will be big shoes to fill with Cessford's departure in early 2015.

"Delta Police has a reputation second to none across Canada, and we plan on keeping that status," Jackson said.

(Surrey North Delta Leader)

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**VALEMOUNT, B.C. - British Columbia's police watchdog is investigating after a man was killed during a police-involved shootout near Valemount.**

RCMP Insp. Ed Boettcher says police were maintaining a stakeout of a cabin on Kinbasket Lake on Wednesday after receiving a complaint that a man and a woman were living there illegally.

When some officers came to relieve their colleagues on the watch, their cover was allegedly compromised by the man and woman and shots were fired at them.

Boettcher says police returned fire and the man, who was wanted on several unendorsed warrants, was killed while the woman was injured and taken to the hospital.

No police officers were wounded, and two rifles were seized from the scene.

The Independent Investigations Office has taken over the investigation of the incident.

Sep 18 2014

**PHILADELPHIA - As cheeky thefts go, the hold-up in a small grocery store in Philadelphia was in a league of its own.**

The robber not only stole a banana but then used it to demand money and cigarettes.

The surveillance tape showed a young man cycling up to the store, leaving his bike outside for a quick getaway.

Then undetected he grabbed a banana and hides it in the pocket of his hoodie.

What he said is not clear from the tape but somehow he managed to dupe the staff into believing that he had a gun rather than a rather unripe banana.

The clerk then handed over cash and

several packets of cigarettes before the banana bandit made his somewhat leisurely getaway on two wheels.

It appears that bananas have been the weapon of choice for robbers in Philadelphia before.

Four years ago a 52 year old man was given a lengthy jail sentence for sticking up a bank with what was described as a rotten banana.

(The Telegraph)

Sep 18 2014

**WINNIPEG - Winnipeg police say bones found by volunteers searching the Red River are not human.**

Police said on Twitter that a forensic analysis by pathologists has confirmed the bones are from an animal.

Volunteers searching the banks of the Red River came across the bones earlier this week.

The group is combing the shoreline and dragging the bottom of the river, searching for clues about the fate of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

A blood-splattered pillowcase, a bloody rug and a set of dentures have also been turned over to police.

The group formed after the discovery of the body of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine last month.

Sep 18 2014

**OTTAWA - Aboriginal women and girls are easy prey for human traffickers because they are more likely to suffer from poverty, drug addictions and mental-health problems, says a newly disclosed report.**

The Public Safety Canada study sheds new light on how women and girls are forced into the sex trade by pimps acting as boyfriends, small, loosely defined gangs and even members of their own families.

Many people who took part in the study

said human trafficking and murdered and missing women and girls are just symptoms of a much larger problem.

"A number of participants believed that the trafficking of aboriginal women and girls was part of a wider 'Canadian crisis,'" says the May 2014 report, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

"This crisis was a continuum of related phenomena involving the criminal victimization of aboriginal women and girls," it says, "evident by the large numbers of aboriginal women and girls who are subjected to physical and sexual violence, are trafficked, and who go missing or are murdered."

The two issues are indeed connected, said one of the report's co-authors.

"The whole concept of what's happened to aboriginal people in this country is reflected in the murdered and missing women, and the apathy that's gone along with that as well," said Yvonne Boyer, who holds the Canada Research Chair in aboriginal health and wellness at Manitoba's Brandon University.

"The impact of the lack of trust issues with the police stems from the general mistrust of the justice system by aboriginal people, stories regarding the behaviour of individual officers who pay for sexual services or who coerce sex workers, and the inherent systemic racism perceived to be part of Canadian institutions."

Boyer and co-author Peggy Kampouris interviewed 76 people between October 2013 and this past February. They spoke to front-line police officers, social workers, experts in the field and women and girls who were victims of sexual exploitation.

Until now, they say, little was known about how family members and gangs lured or forced aboriginal women and girls into sex work.

"It's a systemic issue. That's really important to bring out - that it's the root causes that are causing this," Boyer said.

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