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## Guelph officer dies after collision with bus



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**GUELPH** – A Guelph police officer who was killed in an early-morning crash is being remembered as a vibrant and dynamic woman, who was working her dream job in her hometown.

Const. Jennifer Kovach became a police officer because she wanted to give back and help others in the community where she spent her entire life, said Guelph police Chief Bryan Larkin.

Larkin said the 26-year-old woman achieved her goal in her four-year career, and she had the potential to do so much more.

“There are no words to express our sorrow, there are no words to express our sadness,” Larkin told reporters at a news conference. “Jennifer was fulfilling her childhood

dream, which was to be a police officer. Policing is not an occupation. It’s a calling, it’s a craft.”

Kovach, 26, died after her marked police cruiser collided with a public transit bus on Imperial Road South in Guelph as she responded to a call Thursday at about 12:30 a.m.

She is the third Guelph police officer to die in the line of duty, but the first in almost 50 years, Larkin said.

Kovach was the daughter of Guelph city Coun. Gloria Kovach.

Larkin said the young, dedicated constable was a self-described daredevil who loved to ride motorcycles and had a passion for dogs.

“She always had this great smile, this in-

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credible zest for life," Larkin said. "I cannot say enough about what an incredible human being she was."

As a 16-year-old high school student, Kovach set her sights on a career in policing and sought guidance from a police officer who was stationed at the school.

The officer gave Kovach a list of tasks to complete to help her understand what it takes to become a cop.

Kovach completed each task and later was successful in the recruiting and training processes, Larkin said.

She could have pursued the career in any community, but she chose to serve her hometown, located about 70 kilometres west of Toronto.

"We're so very proud of Jennifer," Larkin said.

Police continue to investigate the cause of the crash that killed Kovach, but they are looking into whether road and weather conditions were factors.

Light snow was falling and the temperature had dropped to -7 C when Kovach's north-bound cruiser crossed the centre line and collided with the oncoming bus, Larkin said.

It is believed she lost control of the cruiser as she responded to a call to assist a fellow officer, he said.

Kovach was working alone at the time. Guelph's police vehicles do not have on-board cameras, so there is no dash-cam video of the collision, Larkin told reporters.

Firefighters freed Kovach from her vehicle and she was rushed to Guelph General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The female driver of the Guelph Transit bus was taken to hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries. There were no passengers on the bus at the time.

Because Kovach was a homegrown officer, her death is having a tremendous impact on the city of 121,000, Larkin said.

In a joint statement, Guelph Mayor Karen Farbridge and chief administrative officer Ann Pappert offered their condolences to Kovach's family.

"There are no words that can adequately express our sorrow over their tragic loss," Farbridge and Pappert said in the written statement.

Farbridge and Pappert also offered condolences to the city's police service.

"We would like to express our gratitude for their brave service, and assure them that Const. Kovach will always be remembered for her sacrifice to keep our community safe."

Larkin said his force, comprised of 195 officers, will memorialize Kovach to ensure that she is never forgotten.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

The Kovach family has asked for privacy but police say Coun. Kovach will release a statement to the media in the coming days.

The last time a Guelph police officer was killed was 1964, when off-duty Const. Walter Eric MacAulay, 37, intervened in a struggle between a beat officer and an intoxicated motorist.

According to the Ontario Police Memorial Foundation, MacAulay, who was with his five-year-old daughter, died after he was dragged by the vehicle.

In 1922, Const. William M. Holloway, 30, and a fellow officer were on bicycle patrol after eating their midnight lunch when they noticed a speeding car.

The officers stood in the middle of the road and waved their arms to signal the driver to stop, but the car struck Holloway, who was carried a distance before he was thrown to the ground and suffered fatal injuries.

(cp24)

## THURSDAY MARCH 07, 2013

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**OAKVILLE, Ont. - A police officer is recovering from injuries suffered during a firearms training exercise in Oakville, west of Toronto.**

Halton regional police say the incident happened Thursday just after 2 p.m. on the firing range at headquarters.

Police say the incident involved the accidental discharge of the officer's firearm and the officer sustained a non-life threatening injury.

The officer was taken to an area hospital for treatment and was expected to be released Thursday evening.

Halton police say surgery was not required and the officer is expected to make a full recovery.

Chief Stephen Tanner has assigned investigative staff from within the Halton police service to look into the incident.

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**HAMILTON, Ont. - Police say a Hamilton family and their lawyer have been charged with trying to disguise**

**a profitable marijuana grow operation as the legitimate production of medical marijuana.**

RCMP and Hamilton police allege the family and its associates fraudulently obtained licences for the production of marijuana under Health Canada's medical marijuana regulations.

Police say by amassing a substantial number of these licences, the group was able to develop a profitable, and seemingly legal, marijuana grow operation.

Investigators allege their distribution network extended as far east as Newfoundland.

Police have charged a dozen Hamilton residents - ranging in age from 20 to 56 - with various drug and criminal organization counts.

The accused are scheduled to appear in Hamilton court in April.

## FRIDAY MARCH 08, 2013

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**VALLEYFIELD, Que. - After a group of Quebec children spotted a possible dead body in a river, things got really messy.**

Once police were notified on Thursday, four firefighters and a police officer began scouring the St. Charles River in Valleyfield, south of Montreal.

When their boat hit the pillar of a bridge, all five tumbled out and into the frigid water.

A police officer on shore who was keeping watch called in other firefighters. With the help of some rescue lines, they pulled the five from the water.

Four of the five were sent to hospital, at least one of them with hypothermia. But, according to provincial police Sgt. Ingrid Asselin, all were released from hospital within several hours and are doing fine.

The search for the possible body continues - this time by helicopter.

Mar 08 2013

**HALIFAX - A five-month undercover investigation has cracked a drug smuggling operation at a Halifax jail, police said Friday as provincial justice officials admitted they need to do a better job of screening their employees.**

The RCMP said 14 people were arrested Thursday in Halifax, Truro and Cape Breton and face a total of 43 charges following the probe into drug trafficking at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility.

Investigators allege eight of those charged were involved in smuggling drugs including hydromorphone, marijuana and steroids throughout the jail. The accused include two corrections officers and a nurse who no longer work at the jail as well as an inmate.

The remaining six people were allegedly part of unrelated drug trafficking operations that became known as a result of the investigation, the Mounties said.

The RCMP and Halifax police launched

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their investigation after a corrections officer was charged in October with breach of trust and possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking.

Correctional Services director Sean Kelly said justice officials then conducted an internal review that concluded hiring standards and security and background checks could be improved.

Justice Minister Ross Landry said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of introducing pat downs of jail guards if the government believes they are needed.

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**OAKVILLE, Ont. - Police in southern Ontario say social media was instrumental in generating leads that led to four arrests in more than 130 banking machine break and enters in Ontario and Quebec.**

Investigators say a video of people using a blowtorch to get into an ATM was posted by police on YouTube last October and received more than 100,000 views.

Halton regional police say the ATM thefts began on Oct. 24, 2010, and they say by Thursday the thieves had hit more than 70 in Ontario and more than 60 in Quebec.

Three suspects were arrested in Niagara and Toronto, and a fourth was arrested in Laval, Que., on Thursday.

Police seized clothing, tools and communication devices, and say more than \$10,000 from an ATM break-in on Thursday has been recovered.

Sixty-five charges have already been laid against the accused and Halton police say more than 50 additional charges are anticipated to be laid by other jurisdictions.

## SATURDAY MARCH 09, 2013

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**BARRIE, Ont. - Barrie police say they've made possibly one of their easiest arrests ever after a man who had too much to drink scaled a police station fence and wandered into its parking lot.**

Police say officers inside the station noticed a man hop down into the parking area around 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

They say he was heavily intoxicated and didn't have a clue where he was.

Police arrested a 26-year-old Barrie man and held him inside the station until he sobered up.

## SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2013

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**OTTAWA, Ont. - A young constable gunned down in northern Quebec was remembered Saturday as a community-minded "superman" who packed a tremendous amount of living into his 27 years.**

Steve Dery, a three-year veteran of the Kativik Regional Police Service - his first policing job - was shot and killed last week while answering a call at a home in the community of Kuujjuaq.

More than 800 police officers marched in procession behind a pipe band up Sussex Drive as Dery was accorded full police honours in the national capital, his home town.

All police funerals are family affairs, but Dery's had a particular poignancy.

He was the second of three boys born to a former RCMP officer, and also has a cousin on the national police force in New Brunswick. One of Dery's brothers is a firefighter in Ottawa.

A massive Canadian flag was hoisted from two aerial ladder trucks over the street outside the cathedral.

While Steve Dery was a dare devil - he's participated in the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, and liked bungee jumping - he was also well versed in the dangers of policing.

It made for an extremely intimate funeral, despite the massive crowd.

Yet another Mountie, family friend Robert Leclerc, struggled to read a letter written this week by the slain Mountie's father, Gilles Dery, who called his son a "great police officer. You are a hero."

"You are so complete at 27 years of age," wrote his admiring father.

He recalled his son's prowess at every sport, from hockey to baseball, lacrosse and rugby.

"Thank you for these memories," Leclerc read from the letter, his voice faltering several times.

"I'm going to think of you every day."

Dery and his partner came under fire after responding to a call at a residence in Kuujjuaq, a village with a population of 2,400, making it the largest community in the region. His partner was seriously wounded.

A woman fled the residence unharmed while the man suspected of shooting the officers was found dead inside the house - an apparent suicide - hours later.

The chief of the Kativik Regional Police Service said working in a small isolated northern community where everyone knows everyone brought the force closer.

"These are the words we never want to have to say," Aileen MacKinnon told the cathedral filled with police. "On Saturday, Mar. 2, I lost one of my boys when Constable Steven Dery lost his life by doing the job he loved."

She called Dery "our superman."

"We all wanted to work as hard as he worked."

MacKinnon recalled a mother telling her about how Dery saved her suicidal 14-year-old daughter's life.

And she described a young woman in court last week who tearfully told a judge that Dery's last words to her were that he didn't want to put her in jail.

"He knew the people of the community and he knew that what she needed was not to be put in jail," said the police chief. "But that was his job."

The Ottawa Police Services helped arrange the funeral after consulting with Dery's family

and the Kativik police. Chief Charles Bordeleau said any time an officer is killed it is difficult for the entire police fraternity.

"Although his death was a tragedy, I think what you saw today is over 800 members of police services from far and wide come over and recognize the ultimate sacrifice that Steve paid for his community."

A moment of silence was held in Dery's honour last Monday in the House of Commons.

## MONDAY MARCH 11, 2013

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**OTTAWA - The Parole Board of Canada has begun to tackle a backlog of almost 22,000 pardon applications.**

The effort began with the hiring and training of 21 temporary clerical staff and pardons officers in November and December.

But the board isn't expected to clear the backlog for another two years.

All the files pre-date last year's omnibus crime bill, when the Harper government quadrupled the pardon application fee.

Those who applied under the higher fee are at the front of the line, having their criminal record suspensions handled within months.

The backlog is the result of a massive pardons crackdown sparked by the case of a hockey coach pardoned after being convicted of sexually assaulting young players.

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**TORONTO - New powers of citizen's arrest came into force Monday that give people more leeway in nabbing criminals.**



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The Citizen's Arrest and Self-defence Act no longer requires a person to catch a suspect red-handed, but allows for the apprehension within a reasonable amount of time after a crime.

The law allows people to make a citizen's arrest of someone who has committed a crime on their property or in relation to their personal possessions when it's not feasible for a police officer to make an arrest.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says Canadians want to know they are able to protect themselves from crime and not be re-victimized by the criminal justice system.

The case of David Chen, a Toronto grocery store owner who chased down and detained a shoplifter, spurred the Criminal Code changes after he was charged with forcible confinement and assault, though he was later acquitted.

The law still requires people to call police as soon as possible and not use excessive force.

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**TORONTO - Customs officials say they seized more than 10 kilograms of heroin hidden in a suitcase that arrived at Toronto's Pearson airport from Pakistan.**

The Canada Border Services Agency announced the seizure Monday, saying the drug has been turned over to police in Peel region.

The agency says customs officers spotted several "suspicious" pieces of luggage coming off a flight from Pakistan on Feb. 19.

A closer examination found one suitcase tested positive for narcotics.

The CBSA says the narcotics were later confirmed to be heroin.

Police say no arrest has been made so far but the investigation continues.

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**MONTREAL - Quebec's corruption inquiry has requested a lengthy extension of its deadline, which could make it a potent force in the province's politics for up to two more years.**



globalmontreal.com

The inquiry head, Justice France Charbonneau, has asked Premier Pauline Marois to push the deadline back another 18 months.

Charbonneau says the additional time is needed for the probe to finish its work and make recommendations in a final report.

She indicated the commission's final report would be available in about two years, no later than April 19, 2015.

The government said in a statement that the request has been sent to cabinet for study and no decision has been made. However, Premier Pauline Marois has already offered a strong hint that she would be inclined to accept an extension request.

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**VANCOUVER - Another 33 people have been charged in the Stanley Cup Riot in Vancouver in June of 2011.**

The B.C. Criminal Justice Branch says the latest accused include 23 adults and 10 young persons, and some of the newest charges were sworn as far back as last October, but are only being revealed now.

In addition, the branch has identified six more people who were charged in June of last year, but whose names were held back until now.

Most of the charges include taking part in a riot, mischief, and break and enter, while some people are also charged with assault and having their faces masked.

So far, charges have been approved against

194 people, and 133 of them have pled guilty, with 65 already having been sentenced.

Crown prosecutors are still reviewing possible charges against more than 100 other suspects.

Mar 11 2013

**LANGLEY - There is no need for a regional police force in the Lower Mainland because one already exists, in the form of the integrated police units operated by RCMP and municipal police forces.**

That was the message of Supt. Derek Cooke, the officer in charge of the Langley RCMP detachment and his boss, assistant RCMP commissioner Norm Lipinski, who commands Metro Vancouver's various Mountie detachments.

Township councillors invited the RCMP to appear before council on Monday, March 4 to comment on the call for a regional police force in Metro Vancouver that was made by Missing Women Inquiry commissioner Wally Oppal in December of last year.

Cooke opened his presentation to council by asking councillors who supported the Oppal recommendation to raise their hands.

No one did.

Then Cooke went on to argue that, for all intents and purposes, there already exists a regional force, consisting of integrated teams of RCMP and municipal police officers who investigate murders, carry out crash reconstructions and forensic investigations, share police dog teams and operate a joint Emergency Response Team (ERT) that tackles especially hazardous situations.

"I kind of wonder why we're having this discussion [about a regional force]," Cooke said.

"We already have one."

Cooke said information sharing among the different RCMP detachments and police departments has substantially improved post-Pickton, with new technology that supplies near-instant alerts about criminal activity.

He compared the Lower Mainland's co-operative policing approach to other regional police forces in Ottawa, Los Angeles and New York City, where large urban areas are divided into individual precincts that look after local law enforcement, while regional forces pursue cross-boundary crime.

He said the different municipalities in the Lower Mainland are the equivalent of those precincts.

The detachment head also took a few minutes to challenge critics who claim the RCMP are not well-suited for community policing because they take their orders from headquarters in Ottawa.

"Ottawa has virtually nothing to do with day-to-day policing operations in Langley," Cooke said.

"My accountability is to the community."

Cooke said the RCMP offer certain advantages in cost and economies of scale.

(Langley Times)

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 12, 2013**

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**TORONTO - Homemade assault rifles, land mines, crossbows and a small cannon were among a huge stockpile of weapons found hidden in the walls and garage of one home in eastern Ontario, police said Tuesday.**

Two people, including a former RCMP officer who has been under a lifetime weapons ban since 2008, were arrested and charged after police searched the house in Bancroft, Ont., on March 7. They are each facing hundreds of charges.

In all, 67 weapons were seized, several of them illegally converted or altered, along with tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition, police said.

The Department of National Defence had to be called in to help remove anti-personnel landmines, grenades, detonator cords and blasting caps.

"There's no possible reason why anybody would have such an arsenal of weapons," said Insp. Mario Lessard, of the Durham Regional Police.

Police are still working to figure out why someone would amass such a cache of firearms and other weapons, Lessard said. The seizure is among the largest police in the region have seen allegedly from one person, he said.

"We are pleased that these weapons are now secure," Lessard said. "As police officers we never want to see this kind of firepower in one place. It tends to attract attention and could be the target of criminals who want these weapons for their illegal activities."

When officers searched the home on Spooks Bay Lane they found two hidden compartments built into the walls of the house that were being used to store illegal weapons and ammunition, police said.

In the garage they found machining equipment along with illegal, converted and altered weapons, silencers, prohibited magazines, homemade manufactured assault rifles, pistols with no serial numbers and firearms with the serial numbers removed, police said.

The cache included machine-guns, assault rifles, smoke grenades, a fully automatic shotgun prohibited crossbows, a Taser, and a 32-inch cannon.

David Kift, 55, is facing hundreds of weapons offences including illegal possession, alteration and manufacturing of prohibited and restricted firearms and has been remanded into custody. Kift was a member of the RCMP and retired in 1996, police said.

Marion Kift, 53, is facing similar charges and has been released on bail.

Mar 12 2013

**NANAIMO, B.C. - When the Mounties were called in to help search for a fisherman thought to be missing from a**

**fishboat off Nanaimo, B.C., they didn't have to look far - it turned out he was in one of their cells.**

It was originally believed the man was aboard the 25-metre fishing boat when it left Nanaimo about 3 a.m. Tuesday, and the search was launched a few hours later when he couldn't be found on the vessel.

Three coast guard vessels, including a hovercraft based in Richmond, began scouring the waters between Nanaimo and Ladysmith in the pre-dawn hours.

The Nanaimo Mounties were also called to see if they could find the man somewhere on shore, and within an hour they discovered he was locked up at their own detachment.

Constable Gary O'Brien says the 25-year-old Prince Rupert man had been arrested Monday night for an "altercation", but he won't be facing any charges.

(The Canadian Press, CKAY)

Mar 12 2013

**WHITECOURT, Alta. - One of two suspects in the shooting of an Alberta sheriff is to undergo a mental health review to see if he is fit to stand trial.**

A judge granted the assessment after a brief court appearance in Whitecourt by an agent for Jake MacIntyre's lawyer.

Clayton Ness, the second man accused in the shooting, reserved his plea, also through an agent.

Both men appeared via closed-circuit television from the Edmonton Remand Centre.

They have been in custody there since the sheriff was shot in the hand during a scuffle at the Whitecourt courthouse Feb. 26.

Their next court appearance is set for April 9.

Mar 12 2013

**EDMONTON - The electronic monitoring of criminals has been axed by the Alberta government.**



calgarysun.com

The province had been funding a program that sees some convicts outfitted with ankle bracelets, but it was cut in the Alberta budget last week.

Solicitor General Jonathan Denis said the move saves \$1 million a year and affects about 50 criminals categorized as low risk and who were being tracked to enforce curfews.

High-risk offenders will still be monitored through a separate program by the Calgary police.

The federal corrections system also has a program that will continue monitoring offenders as ordered by the courts.

A spokesman with the Alberta Union of

Provincial Employees criticized the decision to cut the program, saying the government will have to take responsibility if one of those criminals who are no longer monitored commits a violent crime.

(Global Calgary)

Mar 12 2013

**CALGARY - It sounds like something out of a James Bond movie, but police say a gun pen seized in a recent drug bust is deadly and worrisome.**

Officials confiscated the illegal weapon from a home in southeast Calgary on March 5.

They say the loaded .22-calibre pen gun is the third they've seized since the beginning of 2012.

Police say the weapons are of particular concern because they are easy to conceal and disguise, but can be deadly at close range.

Police are working with a national support team to determine where the guns came from, and if they've been used in any crimes.

Along with the pen gun, police also discovered various quantities of methadone and heroin, as well as ammunition, knives, brass knuckles and drug paraphernalia.

(Global Calgary, The Canadian Press)

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**VICTORIA - Would-be bank robbers, listen up. If at first you don't succeed, don't go back to the scene of the crime to check on the progress of the**



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## investigation.

A 39-year-old Victoria man is getting a chance to mull that lesson from behind bars after being picked up in the B.C. capital on Tuesday afternoon.

Police didn't have to go far to find the suspect because an alert bank employee spotted him peering in the bank's windows as officers were responding to the attempted heist earlier in the day.

A quick comparison with bank surveillance photos and police were certain they had the right man.

Investigators say the bizarre circumstances of the arrest at the downtown Victoria bank were in keeping with the earlier heist.

They say while a teller was conducting a transaction, the suspect told her he was attempting a robbery and wondered if she would give him some feedback on how it was going, but he fled when confronted by the teller's withering silence and a notable lack of cash.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 13, 2013**

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## FREDERICTON - The commanding officer of the RCMP in New Brunswick is retiring.

A news release says that Assistant Commissioner Wayne Lang will step down in the spring after 34 years in the force.

Originally from Shawville, Quebec, Lang joined the RCMP in 1979.

After graduating from the RCMP Academy, he began his career in Grand Falls, N.B.

Since then, he has been posted in a wide variety of policing jobs throughout New Brunswick along with postings in Ottawa and Montreal.

Lang was appointed to his current post in 2009.

Mar 13 2013

## WINNIPEG - Individuals found to have abused or neglected patients or other vulnerable adults may find their names on an abuse registry in Manitoba.

The government says it's a way to protect people in hospitals or personal care homes from potential harm.

The idea is to prevent offenders from working in health-care settings again.

Regulations that come into effect this week require the Protection for Persons in Care Office to refer cases to the registry.

A committee will decide whether to include the name.

The name of anyone convicted of an offence against a vulnerable person will automatically be placed on the list.

Mar 13 2013

## WINNIPEG - Winnipeg is scrambling to cope with judicial backlogs and delays after four doctors suddenly left from the only provincial department designated

## to conduct court-ordered psychiatric exams.

The Health Sciences Centre's forensic services unit is down to one member after four abruptly announced they were leaving starting in December.

Dr. Jeff Waldman, the last person standing and de facto head of the unit, said Wednesday that the heavy, time-consuming volume of cases, nature of the job and more lucrative pay in private practice as reasons for the exodus, which began in December.

The development has sparked major concerns that mentally ill accused will soon start falling through craters, rather than just cracks.

Defence lawyer Greg Brodsky said court orders for fitness assessments are regularly

being violated because the PsychHealth unit can't come close to keeping up with the current demand for their services.

That means people who may be in need of immediate mental health intervention are waiting in custody without timely diagnosis or treatment.

Mar 13 2013

## WINNIPEG - A man who tried to use his car to run down several Winnipeg police officers at a traffic stop was sentenced to 28 months in jail.

Luke Pawel Sanocki, who is 34, pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges stemming from a November 2011 confrontation that was described to the court as harrowing and potentially lethal.



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Tom Hart - Retired from Durham Regional Police Service, he is now President of Canadian Critical Incident Inc.

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#### Instructor:

Dave Perry - Retired Toronto homicide detective and CEO of Investigative Solutions Network

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Larry Levasseur CFI, CPP  
Senior Investigator at MTS Allstream  
Previous: Winnipeg Police Service, Manitoba Hydro

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Sanocki was pulled over by police and was asked to get out of the car, but he instead reversed and sped off, clipping one of the officers in the leg and banging a cruiser car.

He then lost control of the speeding car, mounting the sidewalk and hitting a hydro pole.

When police tried to box in Sanocki's car, Sanocki again slammed his car into reverse, striking two police vehicles.

The officer clipped by Sanocki was not seriously injured.

(Winnipeg Free Press)

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**IQUALUIT - Shifting foundations under the RCMP headquarters' new building in Iqaluit are the result of deliberate sabotage to a cooling system designed to hold it in place within permafrost, according to the firm that installed the system.**



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"It's sabotage. That couldn't happen on its own," said John Jardine, co-president of Arctic Foundations of Canada Inc. "It's obvious it was purposefully done."

Opened less than three years ago, the building, with a striking V-shape, was touted as a state-of-the-art facility.

Among other innovations, the building features a thermosyphon-cooling system in the foundation which is designed to keep the ground solid and prevent the building from shifting or sinking.

But that is no longer working as it should in the building, commissioned, and maintained by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

A malfunction on the cooling system was first reported at the end of 2010.

On inspection, Arctic Foundations found "six to eight" months' worth of data monitoring the coolant's operation were missing and that two of 34 thermosyphons were not functioning.

The two sections of piping had been filled with approximately 45 gallons of water, which could only have been siphoned in with the aid of a pump, Jardine told Nunatsiq News.

"The construction of the thermosyphons is no different than any other building we've done," said Jardine, who estimated his firm has installed such systems in more than 10 other buildings throughout Iqaluit in recent years. Among these are garages, office buildings and a church.

"Somebody took the valve off the two syphons," which were fastened in place by secure screws, he said.

Each contained liquid carbon dioxide, he said, which would have been boiled off on exposure

and blown into the air as vapour because "all of that is released at high pressure."

Following this, "somebody would have had to pump water in though the valve and filled the lines up with the water they pumped in."

"They had to use a pump to pump it in high enough to have it run over and back down inside the radiator and then fill the line," Jardine explained.

"It was a well-thought-out process. My guess is they had a 45-gallon drum of water and they pumped it in."

Asked how difficult it would be to repair the trouble, Jardine said it depends whether the lines, now filled with water, are broken.

"There's a good chance that they aren't broken," he said. "Essentially you'd have to get all the water out of them, assuming that they're not frozen. So we would have to do it, probably late-summer."

Trouble with the \$18 million building has not affected RCMP operations in Iqaluit, said Manuel Amorim, director of contracting and assets for the RCMP's Northwest division.

"There's been a minor area affected with some structural shifting," he said, "but it's contained to one specific area."

He also said the RCMP is working with Public Works and Services Canada, among other government agencies, to hire an independent consultant and engineering firm specializing in Arctic construction to provide recommendations on how to "permanently stabilize the foundation."

(Nunatsiq Online)

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**MONCTON, N.B. - The RCMP says it could close offices in New Brunswick as part of a review of its operations in the province.**

Assistant Commissioner Wayne Lang said Thursday the Mounties have 56 offices in the province, some of them 20 or 30 kilometres apart.

That is among the highest numbers of RCMP offices per capita in the country, he said in a statement.

"Modern policing is less reliant on bricks and mortar than ever," said Lang, the RCMP's commanding officer in New Brunswick.

Using Nova Scotia as a comparison, Lang said the RCMP operates 37 offices in that province.

Detachments owned by the RCMP in New Brunswick are, on average, 32 years old and many are in need of costly repairs, Lang said.

A number of the department offices in New Brunswick are only used occasionally by police officers and Lang said some do not give the public access to over-the-counter services.

"With an improved road system, and new

tools and technology at police officers' disposal, some buildings have simply become redundant and fiscally irresponsible to maintain and operate," he added.

Lang said the RCMP is working with municipalities to identify buildings that could be closed.

"Over time, this could result in some buildings being decommissioned, but those decisions will be made in consultation with municipal leaders and the province of New Brunswick," he said.

The future of the buildings is part of a larger review of the RCMP's services, which will also see the Mounties operate under three policing districts, plus the Codiac region in the Moncton area.

Lang said the new district boundaries are aligned with the province's regional service commissions.

"We will continue to police the same geography, and communities will still have the same level of local policing coverage," he said.

"The majority of changes being made are to our internal management structure."

The RCMP's operations cost about \$138 million in New Brunswick in the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Mar 14 2013

**PORT COLBORNE, Ont. - Niagara regional police have charged 22 people following an investigation they say smashed a local drug ring.**

Police say a flood of tips led them to launch an investigation into illegal drug sales in the east side of Port Colborne.

They say the investigation - dubbed Project Krystal Knights - spanned Niagara Region and led to the seizure of cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, prescription pills and heroin.

Investigators also seized some \$17,000 in Canadian and American cash, two firearms, ammunition and various drug equipment.

The 22 accused face 55 charges, including several drug offences.

They say information gathered during the investigation will help other investigations into the "drug subculture" of the Niagara Region.

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## Blue Line Magazine announces the 2012 Police Leader of the Year

March 8, 2013

Markham, ON – Constable Randy Wood, a 12-year veteran of the Halifax Regional Police Service, has been selected as this year's recipient of the *Blue Line Police Leadership Award*.



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

The five judge panel concluded that Wood epitomized the best qualities of leadership in police work having worked tirelessly with residents in North End Dartmouth assisting citizens’ groups and social agencies in fulfilling their respective missions and earning him the respect of his colleagues and the community at large.

Cst. Wood worked as a correctional officer before joining the Halifax Regional Police in April 2001 and has spent the majority of his career in the Patrol Division, serving as the Community Response Officer. The community he was responsible for policing, North End Dartmouth, is often described as socially and economically stressed and transient with more than its fair share of crime. Working in close contact with this community, Wood was able to strike a unique balance between enforcement and compassion. Wood is currently an investigator with the HRP/RCMP Integrated Criminal Investigation Division.

Constable Wood’s leadership has garnered him a Chief’s Commendation in 2007, the Halifax Regional Municipality Director’s Award for Promotion of Safe Communities in 2008, and a Leadership in Crime Prevention Award from the provincial Minister of Justice in 2009. Wood was also named the Halifax Regional Police 2011 Police Officer of the Year.

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

This past year a total of nine nominations from across Canada were submitted to the panel for consideration. At the start of February the sorting and grading began and on March 8th Constable Randy Wood, the 2012 award recipient, was announced.



## JUDGES

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

## FORMER RECIPIENTS

1999 – Superintendent **Bud Bechdolt** – Royal Canadian Mounted Police

2000 – Deputy Chief **Robert Kerr** – Toronto Police Service

2001 – Sergeant **Barry Gordon** – Cape Breton Regional Police

2002 – Inspector **Robert Taylor** – Vancouver Police Department

2003 – Chief Superintendent **Kate Lines** – Ontario Provincial Police

2004 – Chief **Edgar MacLeod** – Cape Breton Regional Police

2005 – Constable **Ojo Tewogbade** – Toronto Police Service

2010 – Sergeant **John Harris** – Hamilton Police Service

2011 – Detective Sergeant **Duncan MacIntyre** – York Regional Police

2012 – Constable **Randy Wood** – Halifax Regional Police

The award will be presented to Cst Wood at a special ceremony to be held on April 23, 2013 at 7:00pm at the *Blue Line Expo Awards Dinner* at the LeParc Conference Centre at 8432 Leslie St., Markham, ON.

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