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## SQ patrols First Nations community



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**Provincial police continued to patrol a remote First Nations community in Quebec on Tuesday after the federal and provincial governments failed to renew an agreement that paid the salaries of 26 aboriginal police forces across the province.**

About 16 Sûreté du Québec officers were dispatched to the logging town of Opitciwan at midnight Sunday, just moments after the funding agreement expired. The SQ is operating out of the local police station, answering 911 calls, going out on patrols and doing the work ordinarily reserved for Opitciwan's 17-officer police force.

"We are there until we get new orders," Sgt. Claude Denis of the SQ said.

Officers were sent to the Opitciwan First Nation because the community declined to take advantage of a clause in the police act that allows aboriginal forces to continue operating while negotiations to renew the police funding agreement are ongoing.

That meant the local police force's operations were suspended.

"Nothing has changed for the other communities covered by the agreement," said Clément Falardeau, a spokesman for Quebec's public security minister, Stéphane Bergeron.

But Opitciwan band council chief Christian

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Awashish says the clause would have forced his band council to pay their officers out of pocket until a new deal is signed.

"We just don't have the money for that," Awashish told *The Gazette*. "Our resources are stretched way too thin as it is, our police force is already operating at a deficit, we can't afford to fund it while we wait for Quebec to make a move."

Although Opitciwan is a territory of about 2,100 residents, Awashish reckons the level of crime in his community befits a city of 30,000. Local cops handle more than 2,200 cases each year, the vast majority of which are violent crimes or drug-related interventions.

The reserve has been hit hard by a steep decline in logging in the Haute Mauricie region, where thousands of jobs rely on the forestry sector. Unemployment rates as high as 50 per cent in Opitciwan are only made worse by a housing crisis that forces families to crowd together in shacks. Awashish characterizes the overcrowding, poverty and high rates of substance abuse as a very dangerous cocktail for his people.

"Last month, there was a week where our officers had to testify in court 21 times," said Randy Weizineau, spokesman for the Opitciwan police. "It isn't like they can just pop into court and be done with it. The courthouse is 300 kilometres off-reserve. That takes our people out of commission for an entire shift."

Weizineau, a former police sergeant, said the SQ has been struggling to keep up with the workload. Because 90 per cent of the townspeople have Atikamekw as their mother tongue, there has been a significant language and cultural barrier to deal with.

"There was one particular domestic dispute that was devolving rapidly," Weizineau said. "So I had to accompany police on the call and act as a translator."

SQ agents are living in trailers and in homes

on the aboriginal territory. It's likely they'll be on-site until a new policing deal is reached.

The provincial and federal governments were set to renew a deal to finance the aboriginal police forces this month, but negotiations fell apart at the 11th hour, First Nations leaders claim.

Last week, Ghislain Picard of the Assembly of First Nations, told *The Gazette* that Ottawa was to blame for the delay in renewing the policing agreement because it wanted the communities to submit action plans for policing before signing off on the agreement.

However, a spokesperson for Public Security Minister Vic Toews said Tuesday that "the federal government does not require First Nation and Inuit communities to generate action plans to access funding."

Toews's spokesperson refused to answer *The Gazette's* questions about why the funding agreement was allowed to lapse or when it could be renewed.

It costs about \$60 million per year for the aboriginal reserves to police themselves - a bill split evenly between the federal and provincial governments. In all, about 250 police officers are affected by the agreement.

While Opitciwan receives about \$2.2 million in funding each year, \$600,000 of that amount is conditional on the reserve not calling the SQ to reinforce its police officers.

"It's an impossible burden to place on us," Weizineau said. "I remember one shift where I had to work for 36 consecutive hours because we were so poorly staffed. And they weren't easy hours, we showed up at a house where someone we knew well had hanged himself. Imagine what that does to a person."

Although the majority of Quebec's First Nations reserves are covered by the deal, some territories are policed the *Sûreté du Québec* and others have their own arrangements with the federal government.

Talks between Ottawa and Quebec are ongoing, officials say. (Montreal Gazette)

rehabilitation in sentencing, and effectively eliminates the requirement to consider the unique circumstances of First Nations offenders.

Kendall is concerned the law will lead to a glut in the prison system, where those with mental health issues, addictions and health problems won't be able to get the help they need.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo joined Kendall in condemning the legislation, saying First Nations people are already massively over-represented in the prison system and they need more help on issues like education and jobs.

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### HALIFAX - A Halifax man has been sentenced to three years in prison for a hit-and-run incident in 2009 that sent two police officers to hospital.

Twenty-three-year-old Kevin Alexander MacDougall was sentenced Wednesday in Dartmouth provincial court on two counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

MacDougall pleaded guilty to the charges last week.

Judge Frank Hoskins accepted a joint recommendation from lawyers and gave MacDougall a pair of three-year sentences to be served concurrent to each other and to federal prison time he is already doing for other matters.

Halifax police pulled over a vehicle at an impaired driving checkpoint at about 3 a.m. on Nov. 29, 2009.

Two officers approached the vehicle to speak with the driver and its occupants but it quickly accelerated, dragging one officer a short distance and throwing the other to the pavement.

(Halifax Chronicle-Herald)

Mar 28 2013

### MISSISSAUGA, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog has cleared four Durham regional police officers in connection with injuries suffered by a 25-year-old man during an incident at an Oshawa funeral home.

Special Investigations Unit Director Ian Scott says the officers were justified in firing at Shawn Alves when he drove a hearse towards them on Dec. 26, since they feared for their lives.

The agency says officers went to the funeral home in the city east of Toronto after reports that a man had broken into the building and had fired twice at a vehicle with a shotgun.

When officers arrived outside, a man on the second-storey roof exchanged words with them, telling them police had shot his friend in 2003 and making threats about a possible shootout.

The SIU says the man later drove a hearse through one of the funeral home's closed garage doors and sped towards the officers, and that seven officers fired at the driver before he hit a cement barrier and came to a stop.

He was taken to hospital where he was found to have an ankle injury and a gunshot wound to his right forearm.

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**THURSDAY**  
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### VANCOUVER - B.C.'s top doctor is calling for the federal government to revoke or amend new tough-on-crime legislation because he says the law targets vulnerable British Columbians and won't make communities safer.

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall says the Conservative government's Safe Streets and Communities Act is a backwards approach to criminal justice and focuses on punishment rather than rehabilitation.

He says the law mimics those of the United States, which have been shown not to work, and will worsen violence against young offenders, First Nations people and those who grow medicinal marijuana.

The new law expands mandatory minimum sentences, puts deterrence ahead of

**HALIFAX - The Halifax Regional Police service will begin posting its daily police blotter online later this year.**

This is going to be a first in Canada, according to police spokesperson Pierre Bourdages.

“The format we are looking at right now, we don’t believe is being used anywhere else. Every single call will be listed from traffic stops to warrant executions. The benefit for us is to be more transparent,” Bourdages told the Toronto Star.

The move is being hailed as a victory for public information and no extra hiring will be involved since there is already a record-keeping system.

Anyone will be able to see the details of every police call, including the location and a short narrative about what happened.

Every 12 hours, police now send to the media the most important events of the day, but sometimes nothing is sent out.

Halifax police spokesperson Bourdages said that when the change is made, details of the 400 to 500 calls they receive each day will be posted every 12 hours and the calls will include summary information.

Calls might not be major ones, but the blotter will provide a snapshot of how police are kept busy on any given day.

(Toronto Star)

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 29, 2013**

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**OTTAWA - Finding new strategies to tackle violent extremism, going hard against counterfeit and other financial crimes, and dedicating a new team to combat human trafficking.**

Those are some of the goals outlined Thursday in the RCMP’s annual “plans and priorities” report, which says the national police force expects to spend \$2.9 billion in the upcoming fiscal year.

According to the report, the Mounties “will lead several working groups to develop strategies and products to counter violent extremism and radicalization to violence” in the year ahead. They also plan to form a number of advisory committees with a diverse group of community leaders to “build trust” and share information related to national security matters.

Having struggled over the years to make a dent in white-collar crime, the force is putting more Mounties through specialized training in financial crimes and raising the profile of its Integrated Market Enforcement Teams, the report says.

It is also launching a new Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Strategy to target large-scale shipments of counterfeit goods and making it easier for people to report incidents to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

In an effort to combat crime networks trafficking in women and girls to work in the

sex trade, the RCMP is creating a new Integrated Human Trafficking Team to investigate such cases.

Frontline officers will also be trained to use new high-powered weapons in the form of Colt C8 patrol carbines.

The force says it expects to save \$89 million in the upcoming year, in part from the movement of employees from an RCMP-administered health care plan to regular provincial and territorial plans, the government’s decision to end the requirement to register non-restricted firearms and the closure of forensic laboratories in Winnipeg and Regina.

Certain traditions remain intact. The RCMP Musical Ride has scheduled a four-year tour that will see it visit every province and territory during that time.

(Vancouver Sun)

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**ST. JOHN’S, N.L. - A man who apparently did not learn his lesson was nabbed by police in Newfoundland for impaired driving twice within two hours early Friday morning.**

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary says officers stopped a 22-year-old man on Prince Phillip Drive in St. John’s around 1:30 a.m. and charged him with impaired driving.

About two hours later, the same man was stopped on Topsail Road and charged again with impaired driving.

Police say the man was held in police custody for court.

(VOCM)

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**THAMESFORD, Ont. - The province’s police watchdog is investigating after a man was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries in an incident east of London, Ont.**

Police say officers were called just after 5 a.m. Friday to a report of a domestic dispute at a home in the community of Thamesford.

They say a man inside the home sustained self-inflicted life-threatening injuries while interacting with responding officers.

Police say the man was immediately given first aid and an ambulance was called.

(The Canadian Press/CHR)

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**VANCOUVER - A bizarre police incident involving milk, drugs and a gunshot wound has cops in Surrey, B.C. scratching their heads.**

RCMP issued a news release indicating that officers were called out to a corner store after a man was acting suspiciously, shortly before midnight Thursday night.

Police say the man entered the shop screaming, grabbed a jug of milk, went to the parking lot outside, and dumped the milk over his body.

Police responders located the man and realized he was on drugs, and had been pepper sprayed before arriving at the corner store.

The officers called paramedics, who

discovered the man had also been shot in the leg.

Police say the man did not give any details about his wound, but was transported to hospital for treatment.

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 30, 2013**

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**SAINT-MICHEL-DES-SAINTS, Que. - A Quebec man with alleged Hells Angels ties who had been wanted on murder charges for the past four years was arrested north of Montreal overnight Friday.**

Frederic Landry-Hetu is facing charges in connection with Operation SharQc, a massive 2009 police operation aimed at crippling criminal biker activity in the province.

The 44-year-old was tracked down by police in a chalet in Saint-Michel-des-Saints in Quebec’s Lanaudiere region.

Gregory Gomez, a spokesman for Quebec provincial police, said Landry-Hetu was apprehended peacefully.

“He showed no resistance when he was arrested by our tactical SWAT team,” Gomez said.

Landry-Hetu was scheduled to appear in a Montreal court Saturday via video conference to face charges that include gangsterism, drug trafficking and murder.

Over 150 arrest warrants were issued in the sweeping SharQc police operation, which has targeted individuals with alleged ties to the Hells Angels. A dozen people are still being sought by police.

The operation has involved raids by the RCMP, and provincial and municipal police with arrests in Quebec, New Brunswick, France and the Dominican Republic.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2013**

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**OTTAWA - A Canadian warship has made a major drug bust at sea.**



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The Department of National Defence says the HMCS Toronto has seized around 500 kilograms of heroin from a boat in the Indian Ocean.

The drugs were found after a naval boarding party searched the vessel as part of a security operation this past Friday.

HMCS Toronto’s commanding officer says

it is one of the largest heroin seizures in a maritime environment.

Commander David Patchell says the bust doesn't just keep drugs off the street but also affects the finances of international terrorist organizations.

The HMCS Toronto is currently part of an international naval task force patrolling the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

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### **TORONTO - Toronto police say it's believed that multiple firearms were used in a shooting in the parking lot of a north Toronto mall where a man was killed and another wounded Saturday night.**

Toronto police Det. Rob North said 24-year-old Michael Nguyen died after getting shot in the Yorkdale mall parking lot near a store entrance around 8 p.m.

North said Sunday that Nguyen was known to police but added there is no indication the shooting was gang related.

He said the second man was shot near a restaurant entrance as the dispute moved across the lot. North said the man is in stable condition in Toronto hospital and is expected to survive.

The shooting began with an "altercation" between two groups, North said, though investigators are not sure if the dispute began inside or outside the mall, or if the shots came from opposing sides or instead members of the same group.

There were no gun shots fired in the mall and police have no information that any bystanders were injured, North said at a news conference hours after the shooting.

Police are looking for five or six suspects. North said no weapons have been recovered at the scene.

**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 01, 2013**

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### **KAUFMAN, Texas - After one of his assistant prosecutors was gunned down in January, Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland carried a gun everywhere, even when walking the dog.**

He was extra careful when answering the door at his home outside of Forney, about 20 miles east of Dallas. And a neighbour said a sheriff's deputy was stationed outside the home for about a month after the killing.

On Saturday, McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were found shot to death in their house. Authorities haven't said much about their investigation, including whether they have any leads or a theory about why the couple was killed. But law enforcement throughout Texas is on high alert, and steps are being taken to better protect other DAs and their staffs.

Tarrant County District Attorney Joe Shannon said his staff has been cautioned, but he declined to discuss the specific security measures that have been taken. Dallas County

District Attorney Craig Watkins declined to comment on the issue, citing safety concerns.

Harris County District Attorney Mike Anderson said he accepted the Houston sheriff's offer of 24-hour security for him and his family after learning about the slayings, mostly over concerns for his family's safety. Anderson said he also would take precautions at his office, the largest one in Texas, which has more than 270 prosecutors.

"I think district attorneys across Texas are still in a state of shock," Anderson said Sunday.

McLelland, 63, is the 13th prosecutor killed in the U.S. since the National Association of District Attorneys began keeping count in the 1960s.

The couple's slayings came less than two weeks after Colorado's prison chief was shot to death at his front door, apparently by an ex-convict, and a couple of months after Kaufman County Assistant District Attorney Mark Hasse was killed in a parking lot a block from his courthouse office. No arrests have been made in Hasse's slaying Jan. 31.

Byrnes would not give details Sunday of how the killings unfolded and said there was nothing to indicate for certain whether the DA's slaying was connected to Hasse's.

El Paso County, Colo., sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Joe Roybal said investigators had found no evidence so far connecting the Texas killings to the Colorado case, but added: "We're examining all possibilities."

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### **SHELburne, N.S. - The head of the RCMP in southwestern Nova Scotia will meet Tuesday with municipal officials in Shelburne to address the dwindling number of officers in the town.**

A full complement would normally consist of 10 Mounties, but in recent weeks that number has shrunk to five officers for various reasons, including maternity leave and medical issues.

Mayor Karen Mattattal, town councillors and CAO Dylan Hyde have been expressing concern over the shortage.

Mattattal says the town expects to receive another Mountie, but she's not sure when the officer will arrive in the community.

RCMP Supt. Sylvie Bourassa-Muise says she hopes to assure officials during Tuesday's meeting that the situation will soon be corrected. (CKBW)

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### **CENTENNIAL, Colo. - The judge in the case of Colorado shooting suspect James Holmes has delayed the trial until next February and acknowledged even that date might be pushed back.**

The trial had been proposed for August. However, all sides agreed Monday the case will take longer now that prosecutors say they'll seek the death penalty.

Prosecutors want the case wrapped up by spring of next year. But defence attorneys say there's no way that can happen.

Defence attorney Tamara Brady says the lawyers will do whatever it takes to defend Holmes' life and don't want the trial rushed.

Investigators say Holmes methodically stockpiled weapons and ammunition for his assault on a packed midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises."

**TUESDAY**  
**APRIL 02, 2013**

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### **WINNIPEG - The federal government has agreed to two more years of funding for a Manitoba program that helps drug offenders turn their lives around.**



winnipegson.com

Money was to run out this week for the Winnipeg Drug Treatment Court, which is considered a leader in Canada in its approach to drug rehabilitation.

More than 50 people have successfully graduated from the court since it began in 2006, and only 13.5 per cent have reoffended.

The drug-court budget was about \$1 million last year and Ottawa contributed about \$516,000.

Manitoba Attorney General Andrew Swan asked the senior government last week to continue funding the program.

The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba confirms that after Swan's meeting, the foundation received a letter from Ottawa on Thursday saying funding had been approved for two more years.

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Apr 02 2013

### **KAMLOOPS, B.C. - A seven-day preliminary hearing is underway in a Kamloops, B.C., courtroom for three RCMP officers and a jail guard who are accused of watching two women having sex in a jail cell.**

Cpl. Kenneth Brown and constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia are each charged with one count of breach of trust by a public officer in connection with the August 2010 incident.

Jail guard David Tompkins faces a similar allegation.

The Crown alleges the four did not act when cell surveillance cameras at the Kamloops jail showed two drunken women engaging in a sex act.

Instead of intervening, the men are accused

of calling their colleagues to witness the activity, even though the women were so intoxicated they were unlikely to be able to consent to sex, and one had already told arresting officers she was HIV positive.

The RCMP officers remain suspended, pending the outcome of the preliminary hearing, and any possible trial.

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**PORT HOPE - Recently retired Port Hope Deputy Police Chief Garry Hull has been named Chief of the Gananoque Police Service.**

Karl Harries, chairman of the Gananoque Police Services Board, confirmed the announcement in a press release posted on the police service's web site.

The Gananoque Police Service had been searching for a new chief since the former chief, Kai Liu, resigned from the position last fall to take the chief's position with the Cobourg Police Service.

After 28 years protecting the people of Port Hope, Chief Hull's last day was on Feb. 28.

In an earlier interview with Northumberland News when Chief Hull announced his retirement, he said he and his wife had "lots of plans for the future and full-time jobs are not part of those plans."

While he said he was sad to leave the Port Hope Police Service, Chief Hull said he wanted to retire when he was "still happy to come to work every day and I wanted to retire at a time when I still enjoyed my job."

During his 28 years, Deputy Chief Hull worked his way through the ranks, where he was promoted to sgt., became an inspector in 2003, and was appointed deputy chief in 2007.

Chief Hull's first day on the job is April 2. (Northumberland News)

Apr 02 2013

**BROCKVILLE, Ont. - Repeated cries for help prompted neighbours in a Brockville, Ont., apartment building to call police.**

When officers arrived at the building Sunday morning, they too heard the voice calling out for help, and then found the apartment it was coming from.

Once inside, they discovered a parrot repeating the word "Help."

It wasn't an early April Fool's prank.

The parrot's owner unintentionally left the front door intercom on in the apartment, allowing the parrot's cries for help to be heard throughout the lobby.

Police say it was a false alarm and the parrot was not in need of help. (CFJR)

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**OTTAWA - Ottawa police say they've teamed up with officers in two provinces to arrest six suspected gang members in the city.**

Police say the arrests came after a six-month investigation involving forces from Toronto and Gatineau, Que.

Police say they seized two firearms, seven kilograms of drugs and more than \$34,000 in cash.

They say evidence from the seizures will be used to try and resolve unsolved crimes in Toronto.

Five men from Ottawa and one from Gatineau are facing a number of charges including possession of substance for trafficking and participating in a criminal organization.

The men were scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

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**VANCOUVER - The West Vancouver Police Department will investigate the circumstances around an arrest in**

**which a Vancouver police officer punched a suspect.**

The Office of The Police Complaints Commissioner ordered the West Vancouver department to step in after video of the arrest spread across the Internet.

The video shows Cst. Ismail Bhabha punching a man he was attempting to put into handcuffs during an arrest in Vancouver Mar. 25.

The officers involved said they were trying to arrest Kharazi Akhavan because he rode his bicycle through a red light and wasn't wearing a helmet.

The complaint commissioner's office has determined it's in the public interest to investigate the allegations against the officer.



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The office said it learned of the incident through the media, and when the office contacted the Vancouver Police professional standards department, it didn't know about the punch either.

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### TORONTO - Lawyers for the Ontario government want a Toronto police officer tried on a manslaughter charge after he was cleared of a rare murder charge.

Cst. David Cavanagh had been charged with second-degree murder in the death of 26-year-old Eric Osawe in 2010.

At the end of a preliminary inquiry last month, a judge decided there was insufficient evidence to commit Cavanagh to trial and dismissed the charge.

But now the Crown has filed an application with the Ontario Superior Court, asking it to overturn that decision and instead send Cavanagh to trial on a manslaughter charge.

The Emergency Task Force and guns and gangs unit were searching an apartment in Toronto's west end on Sept. 29, 2010 and the province's Special Investigations Unit alleged that's when Cavanagh shot Osawe.

Cavanagh was originally charged with manslaughter but that was upgraded to the murder charge at a court appearance in February 2012.

The police union said at the time it was the first instance in the force's history of an officer being charged with murder for an on-the-job incident.

The Ontario Crown application is set to be heard on April 22.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 03, 2013**

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### ORILLIA, Ont. - Provincial police say almost 11,000 drivers have been charged after a crackdown on unsafe driving over the Easter long weekend.

Particular attention was paid during the weekend to impaired, distracted or aggressive driving, as well as people not wearing seat belts.

Police say 10,998 drivers were charged with Highway Traffic Act offences, including 1,587 seatbelt-related charges, 6,989 speeding charges, 602 hazardous moving violations and 316 distracted driving charges.

Meanwhile, 95 people were charged with impaired driving offences and 93 had their driver's licences suspended for driving while in the warning range for alcohol.

OPP Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey says the focus on risky driving behaviour will continue for the rest of the year.

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### OTTAWA - An Ottawa police sergeant has been found not guilty of sexual

### assault in connection with an incident where a woman's shirt and bra were cut off while she was in custody at a police cell block.

Steven Desjourdy, who was charged following the September 2008 incident, could still face discipline under the Police Services Act.

Provincial Court Justice Tim Lipson delivered his ruling Wednesday following a trial that was delayed more than six months, and heard from witnesses including officers who were in the cell block that day.

The Crown had said that while Desjourdy wasn't looking for sexual gratification, he was trying to humiliate the woman.

But the defence argued the sergeant had

to make a split-second decision to protect the woman, and his fellow officers, from any weapons the woman might have had.

(CFRA)

Apr 03 2013

### SURREY, B.C. - B.C.'s police watchdog says a Mountie may have committed an offence when he fired at the driver of car near Cranbrook, but it will be up to the Crown to decide if charges will be laid against the officer.

The Independent Investigations Office looked into the incident in which the officer shot and wounded the driver of a car that police were trying to stop near the community of Yahk last October.

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

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

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Instructor:  
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The Mounties began their pursuit after a reported carjacking, and the shot was fired at the end of the chase south of Cranbrook.

The IIO then took over the investigation into the actions of the officer.

IIO director Richard Rosenthal says he has reviewed the file and has handed in a report to Crown counsel, which only happens when the director feels an officer may have broken the law.

Rosenthal doesn't make any recommendation on charges, leaving that decision up to Crown prosecutors.

Apr 03 2013

### TORONTO - Ontario's top police watchdog is stepping down.



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After five years as director of the Special Investigations Unit, Ian Scott will leave the organization this fall.

Scott's office says he'll be stepping down when his mandate ends in October, and a posting for Scott's job went up on the Ontario Public Service website on Wednesday.

During his time at the helm of the SIU, Scott has clashed with police on a number of occasions, prompting the head of the Toronto police officers' union to call on Scott to step down.

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack said Wednesday that Scott's departure will be an opportunity to restore confidence in police oversight.

The SIU has a full-time staff complement of approximately 50 in both investigative and administrative support roles, with an annual budget of approximately \$7.5 million.

The director is responsible for investigations, and determining whether or not criminal charges should be laid against police officers the SIU investigates.

Scott was appointed as director by the Ontario cabinet on October 16, 2008, for a five-year term.

Scott is a graduate of the University of Toronto, received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Ontario, and was called to the Ontario bar in 1983.

He worked as Crown counsel for the Ministry of the Attorney General for over 16 years, and also worked as defence counsel in private practice specializing in criminal law and administrative law.

Before joining the SIU, Scott was involved in police oversight issues, both as a prosecutor of police officers and as a prosecutor of

internal police disciplinary matters.

He has also represented police officers in fatality-related matters and in internal disciplinary proceedings.

(The Canadian Press, CFRB)

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### EDMONTON - Alberta justice officials say they are pressing the federal government to prevent a woman who drowned her two young sons from travelling back to her native Australia.

Allyson McConnell is scheduled for early release Thursday after serving two-thirds of a 15-month jail term for manslaughter.

The depressed and suicidal woman killed her children in the town of Millet, just south of Edmonton, in 2010. She later drove to the city, jumped off a busy overpass and was rushed to hospital.

Court heard she and her husband were in the middle of a bitter divorce and she wanted to take her children back to Australia.

A judge ordered that McConnell was to serve her sentence at an Edmonton psychiatric hospital and it's not known if doctors there have approved her release.

Josh Stewart, a spokesman with Alberta Justice, said he also doesn't know if the woman is set to fly out of the country. But he says officials want to keep her here pending the outcome of an appeal by the Crown.

The Crown, who originally charged the woman with second-degree murder, is appealing her manslaughter conviction and sentence, but the Court of Appeal has not set a date to hear the case.

The Immigration and Refugee Board issued a removal order against McConnell last fall after her trial, said Lisa White with the Canada Border Services Agency.

Due to privacy issues, she couldn't provide details on whether McConnell is set to leave Canada. She said under some circumstances, such as pending criminal charges, stays can be issued.

Court appeals don't apply, she said.

"By law, the appeal of a conviction doesn't say a removal."

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### VICTORIA - The Victoria Police Department's outspoken chief constable says he'll retire at the end of December when his five-year contract ends.



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Jamie Graham was appointed to the post

Jan. 1, 2009, after serving just under 35 years with the RCMP and five years as chief of the Vancouver Police Department.

Graham announced his retirement in a recent letter to Victoria's police board, whose chairman Mayor Dean Fortin thanked him for his service.

Fortin says he's confident the board has enough time to find a replacement to lead police in the provincial capital.

Apr 03 2013

### ERIE, Pa - Of the more than 65,000 people killed in US car crashes over the past two years, one in 10 were in crashes where at least one of the drivers was distracted.

That's according to police report data analyzed by Erie Insurance in the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), a nationwide census of fatal motor vehicle traffic crashes maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Erie consulted with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in its analysis.

"Distracted driving is any activity that takes your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, or your mind off your primary task of driving safely," said Erie Senior Vice President Doug Smith. "We looked at what law enforcement officers across the country reported when they filled out reports on fatal crashes and the results were disturbing."

The analysis, which looked at data from 2010 and 2011, showed police listed the majority of drivers who were distracted as "generally distracted" or "lost in thought." Police also listed several more specific types of distractions.

Below are the top 10 distractions involved in fatal car crashes:

1. Generally distracted or "lost in thought" (daydreaming): 62%
2. Cell phone use (talking, listening, dialing, texting): 12%
3. Outside person, object or event, such as rubbernecking: 7%
4. Other occupants (talking with or looking at other people in car): 5%
5. Using or reaching for device brought into vehicle, such as navigational device, headphones: 2%
6. Eating or drinking: 2%
7. Adjusting audio or climate controls: 2%
8. Using other device/controls integral to vehicle, such as adjusting rear view mirrors, seats or using OEM navigation system: 1%
9. Moving object in vehicle, such as pet or insect: 1%
10. Smoking related (includes smoking, lighting up, putting ashes in ashtray): 1%

Smith added that because FARS data on distraction is based largely on police officers' judgment at the time of the crash and some people may be reluctant to admit they were distracted, the numbers are difficult to verify and may under-represent the seriousness and prevalence of driving distractions.

The data is meaningful, however, because unlike surveys in which consumers self-report the types of distracted behaviors they engage in, the FARS data is based on actual police reports on fatal crashes.

(PRNewswire)

# THURSDAY

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### CHARLOTTETOWN - Prince Edward Island's justice minister says there will be no new money for police officers in Island schools despite pleas from the opposition to fund the program.

Janice Sherry says she is not against the idea, but insists it has to happen with money already allotted for policing through the RCMP or municipal police force.

Sherry was being questioned Wednesday during budget estimates on why no provincial money has been earmarked for the program.

The City of Charlottetown recently said it could not afford to keep the program in place and asked the province for financial help to maintain a police officer at Colonel Gray High School.

Parents and community groups close to the school were soliciting private donations to try to keep the officer employed in the school for the remainder of the year.

(Charlottetown Guardian)

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### MONTREAL - A 20-year-old Montreal woman was arrested Wednesday morning after posting a picture of anti-police graffiti online last month.

Police officers showed up at Jennifer Pawluck's doorstep in the Hochelaga-Maisonneuve district and took her to a nearby station, where she was interrogated, detained and promptly released. She will have to appear in court later this month to face harassment charges.

The photo Pawluck took depicts graffiti of Commander Ian Lafrenière, of Montreal police, with what appears to be a gunshot wound to the head. The photo was labeled "Ian Lafrenière."

"Many of my friends do not like the police," Pawluck told the Huffington Post Québec. "I thought it would be funny to put the picture on Instagram. I do not even know who he is, Ian Lafrenière."

Pawluck was an active participant in last year's student demonstrations. She said she'd been arrested at several protests in Montreal. She related her encounter with a police percussion grenade, and its after-effects, in a one-minute YouTube video that focused on some of the crowd-control tactics used during a March 15 protest against police brutality.

Lafrenière is a Montreal police spokesperson who was regularly featured on television and in news reports during the unrest that swept through the city streets last spring.

(Montreal Gazette)

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### VANCOUVER - A British Columbia lawyer who admitted to helping a criminal gang has been sentenced to a year in jail.

William Mastop pleaded guilty last December to participating in a criminal organization.

Mastop's lawyer asked for a sentence of

between 10 and 18 months, while the prosecution was looking for a sentence of up to three years in prison.

Prosecutors told the judge during a sentencing hearing that the Vernon lawyer provided the so-called Greeks gang with a court document that led to the murders of two people.

But in sentencing, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mark McEwan says there wasn't enough evidence to prove the information led to the deaths and Mastop will likely lose his profession as a lawyer.

Last November, five members or associates of the gang were convicted in B.C. Supreme Court in connection to three murders.

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### SHELBURNE, N.S. - The RCMP will conduct a review of its service in Nova Scotia's Shelburne County after concerns were expressed about a dwindling number of officers in the town.

The move was announced following a meeting earlier this week between municipal officials and the region's superintendent of the force.

Shelburne Mayor Karen Mattatall says the review will examine the needs of the community.

There are six police officers at the Shelburne detachment and Mattatall says two more will be dispatched to the area in the coming months.

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