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## MacKay disagrees with Paulson on pot



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**OTTAWA** – Justice Minister Peter MacKay says he disagrees with the country's top cop on his assessment that marijuana isn't "as big a deal as it used to be."

"He's a police officer. He has views but I personally disagree," MacKay said Wednesday.

In an interview with Global News, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said cultivating marijuana "is not important anymore" and that he's more concerned with eradicating impaired driving involving both alcohol and drugs.

"I don't think marijuana usage is as big a deal as it used to be," Paulson said.

"It's still vulnerable to exploitation to organized crime, but you know, less and less as it becomes more and more commercially available."

But MacKay said "it's a big deal for a lot of people" and suggested that if police are given the option to ticket cannabis users "it actually means more enforcement."

"I think if you talk to Canadians whose lives have been affected in some cases very

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negatively by marijuana, they would disagree,” MacKay said.

“We know that there are young people in particular who are very negatively affected by marijuana use, we know that it can have a very severe impact on early childhood development. We know it certainly isn’t a motivator, it doesn’t make people want to get up and go out and lead productive lives.”

MacKay said the government is looking at the option put forward by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to ticket people for possessing small amounts of marijuana, but it doesn’t mean they couldn’t be charged.

“By the way more options doesn’t mean more leniency. It actually means more enforcement,” he said.

When asked when a ticketing regime might be put in place, MacKay said: “We have a lot of justice bills in the House (of Commons) right now, there are more coming. That’s one that we’re looking at. So, we’ll keep you posted.”

MacKay added that medical use is in a different category.

Paulson also said in the interview “the people that use drugs are not the people we got to be bothering” and that some of the “best people” he met working as an RCMP investigator in Vancouver were heroin addicts.

Paulson declined to comment on MacKay’s remarks Wednesday, only to say he agrees that ticketing would result in more enforcement.

(Shaw Media)

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The Court Information Management System had been in the works since 2009, but after delayed roll-outs and \$10.3 million spent, the province decided last fall to abandon it. Only about \$5.8 million worth of the software, hardware and other assets from the system are being reused, according to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

“That’s what happens,” said Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur.

“It does happen when we’re trying to innovate with the technology. It was good that they were able to use at least half of it in the new systems that they have either launched or that they are working on.”

The Court Information Management System was supposed to enable online court services, including scheduling, and consolidate the ministry’s three case tracking systems. But the approach turned out to be too grand and the government realized it had bitten off more than it could chew, said Meilleur.

“We had initiatives in the past, I think, that we were trying to do too much at once,” she said. “(Now) we are looking at initiatives that can move quickly.”

The government is reverting to tweaking existing systems and trying to modernize one step at a time.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of the Attorney General said the government has revised its approach to large-scale modernization initiatives.

“The ministry is in the process of identifying the areas that require change, and developing a detailed and strategic modernization plan. We are also moving forward with modernization projects that are incremental, targeted and meet the expectations of court users and the public,” Heather Visser said in a statement.

Incremental projects the government highlighted include: putting next-day court dockets online, expanding the use of video conferencing, including an agreement with K-Net in northern Ontario, an e-filing pilot project in small claims court and an online service for parents to set up or change child support payments.

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**SAANICH, B.C. - A British Columbia police dog has claimed the title of top dog for the third year in a row at the Canadian Police Canine Championships.**

Zeke and his handler, Const. Jon Zielinski of the Saanich Police Department, competed against 30 teams at the contest in Kelowna, B.C.

Sgt. Steve Eassie says the amount of effort that Zielinski has put into the partnership since he was paired up with Zeke four years ago is amazing.

Eassie says that besides the incredible connection the six-year-old German shepherd shares with his handler, his all-black colouring also sets him apart in the annual event because most of the other dogs have traditional brown or mixed colours.

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**MONTREAL - Luka Rocco Magnotta’s first-degree murder trial in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin will begin Sept. 29.**

The date was finalized Friday just after selection of the final jurors.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges, including first-degree murder, in connection with the May 2012 of Chinese engineering student Lin, 33.

Besides the murder charge, Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to committing an indignity to a body; publishing obscene material; criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; and mailing obscene and indecent material.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer will oversee the trial, which is expected to last between six and eight weeks.

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**The Sûreté du Québec is putting a freeze on hiring for the foreseeable future in response to government belt-tightening, according to information Radio-Canada has obtained.**

Students in police technology programs at CEGEPs across the province received a letter telling them the provincial police would not be accepting any applications and would not be hiring any new officers for now.

Third-year students in the police technology program at CEGEP Garneau in Quebec City received the news this morning in a letter.

The letter said the freeze would be effective immediately and would go on for an undetermined period of time while evaluations are being made.

“For sure I was a bit stunned and disappointed,” said one student who spoke to Radio-Canada.

The SQ normally hires about 200 new officers every year.

(CBC News)

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**Like the iPhone 6, Google’s new Android phones and tablets will automatically lock data so no one — including government officials with a warrant — would be able to break in, The Hill has confirmed.**

The automatic encryption would lock people’s emails, photos, texts and other data from anyone who does not have a passcode to enter. Many Android users can currently take steps to lock their data, but few have done so on their own.

It would lock out thieves as well as police and other government agents, who would seemingly be unable to collect people’s messages even with a warrant, since it would not be technically possible.

The news first reported by The Washington Post comes just a day after Apple announced that iPhones on its new operating system would automatically be encrypted to keep out the prying eyes of thieves or government agents.

“For over three years Android has offered

encryption, and keys are not stored off of the device, so they cannot be shared with law enforcement,” a Google representative told The Hill in a statement on Friday. “As part of our next Android release, encryption will be enabled by default out of the box, so you won’t even have to think about turning it on.”

The Android platform is the world’s most popular smartphone operating system. Along with Apple’s news, the announcement means that the vast majority of new smartphones will automatically be locked to prevent people’s data from being stolen or accessed by anyone without a password.

Tech companies have suffered from public concerns about privacy since former NSA contractor Edward Snowden’s leaks last year showed that the National Security Agency was tapping into people’s communications to nab emails, chats and other communications to target foreigners.

(The Hill)

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

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### **MONTREAL - The city of Montreal and its police officers’ union have reached an agreement after meeting with a mediator on Friday.**

In a statement released late Friday night, the labour relations board said it was satisfied, because the deal between the two parties “ensures the public gets the services it is entitled to.”

The police brotherhood has been mandated to end “unauthorized moving of vehicles and mobile job sites” and to ask its members to issue tickets “in the normal and habitual way.”

The board on Friday authorized the city to file its decision with the superior court. In its statement, it clarifies that the document has “the same power or same effect as it would if it was a judgment of the court.”

(Montreal Gazette)

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

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### **WINDSOR, N.S. - Nova Scotia RCMP say a Mountie who was taken to hospital after being struck by a truck in the town of Windsor is doing well.**

Cpl. Scott MacRae says the officer received non-life-threatening lower body injuries after being hit during a traffic stop on Highway 232 around 6 p.m. Saturday.

Police say the officer was struck when the black Dodge Dakota backed up during the stop and fled the scene.

They say after a short pursuit, the driver was caught after crashing his truck on Highway 354.

Investigators say he was taken to hospital with what appears to be a broken leg.

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### **NANAIMO - A Nanaimo RCMP officer was found guilty of assault in provincial court Thursday.**

The charge against Const. Derek Brown stemmed from an incident from Aug. 18, 2011.

Norm McPhail, who was at that time superintendent of the RCMP detachment, said Brown used “unnecessary and unwarranted force” on a 47-year-old woman who was being fingerprinted at the Nanaimo RCMP headquarters.

The woman was not injured and did not require medical assistance, police said at the time.

Police said Brown, who was not the arresting officer of the woman, interfered when another officer took the woman in for fingerprinting.

The incident was reported by another RCMP officer who thought the incident could have been “inappropriate force” on the part of Brown.

Brown’s current status with the police force is not clear. Nanaimo RCMP spokesman Const. Gary O’Brien and the office of Supt. Mark Fisher were contacted for comment, but the Daily News did not receive a response by press time.

Brown’s case has been put over to the judicial case manager to fix a date for sentencing.

(Nanaimo Daily News)

Sep 21 2014

### **Ford has found a way to tweak a couple of high-tech features to create a capability that helps protect police officers.**

It’s “surveillance mode” that’s used on the police version of the Ford Taurus, known as the Police Interceptor. It employs the car’s rear-view camera and proximity radar to warn police officers if they are being approached from the rear.

If a stranger comes up from behind, a chime warns the officer. It also rolls up the driver’s side window, locks the doors and flashes exterior lights.

Introduced on 2014 police vehicles, surveillance mode is now being offered to other automakers and for military applications, Ford says.

“We want to assist with and improve the security of all police officers — whether they are using a Ford Police Interceptor or a competitive vehicle,” said Randy Freiburger, a Ford special-vehicle engineering supervisor.

(USA Today)

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

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### **After years of fundraising, planning and building, a vocational school honouring a New Brunswick RCMP officer is set to open in Haiti.**

Sgt. Mark Gallagher was in Haiti in

January of 2010 as part of a United Nations peacekeeping mission when a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit.

He was killed when his apartment building collapsed.

Since then, plans have been underway to build the Sgt. Mark Gallagher Memorial Vocational School in a small community near Port-Au-Prince.

The school will open Oct. 13 after being delayed by everything from hurricanes to people squatting inside the building.

The school replaced a school that was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake.

Blaquiere says Gallagher’s impact will be felt in Haiti for many years to come.

The \$1.25-million project has taken nearly two years to complete.

(CBC News)

Sep 22 2014

### **ST. CATHARINES, Ont. - More than a dozen people have been arrested following a yearlong investigation into what police are calling an international drug trafficking ring based in southern Ontario.**

The arrests came early Monday as about 200 officers from across Ontario executed 30 search and arrest warrants in several communities, including Barrie, South Simcoe and Peel and Niagara regions.

Niagara regional police say they began an investigation in late 2013 into the activities of a drug trafficking ring based in the Niagara and Peel regions.

The investigation was expanded in February to include the Canada Border Services Agency, Ontario Provincial Police, RCMP in Hamilton, London and Toronto, and Peel regional police.

Police say the investigation - which became known as Project Roadmaster - uncovered evidence of cocaine importation and trafficking, money laundering and participation in a criminal organization.

Thirteen southern Ontario residents and one Mexican have been arrested on charges including narcotics, conspiracy and criminal organization-related offences.

Police say the investigation is ongoing and more arrests are expected.

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### **TORONTO - Toronto Police officers could don body-mounted cameras as part of a pilot project that begins as early as this November.**

Canada’s largest municipal police organization is in the process of choosing a supplier. Once a vendor is chosen, the police service plans on purchasing 100 cameras for use in four locations across Toronto for a year-long period.

The use of body-worn cameras usually results in fewer complaints about officers and “less violence,” Deputy Chief Peter Sloly said in a police memo.

Feedback from police chiefs has shown that both the public and police officers have embraced the technology, said Deputy Chief Peter Sloly.

“The general research is the body-worn camera modifies the behaviour of the police officer and the member of the public – it’s a two-way street,” Sloly said. “It is protecting their cops against malicious investigations, it modifies the behaviour of the person they’re dealing with, it provides best evidence in cases.”

The TAVIS rapid response team, a yet-to-be identified area of traffic services, 43 Division’s community response unit, and 55 Division’s primary response unit will all be a part of the pilot project.  
(Toronto Sun)

Sep 22 2014

### **VANCOUVER - When her teammates arrive for hockey training camp, Meghan Agosta will be reporting elsewhere. She'll be going to the Justice Institute of British Columbia - with her badge and gun.**

The three-time Olympic gold medallist in women’s hockey is training to be a police officer in the city where she won one of those gold medals. Agosta was among the recruits sworn in by the Vancouver Police Department last week.

Agosta is a probationary constable with the department until she completes her nine months of academy training.

“I’ve only had two passions in my life and that’s policing and hockey,” Agosta told The Canadian Press by phone. “To be able to fulfil both dreams is pretty amazing.”

She was Canada’s top scorer at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, with nine goals and six assists in five games. She was honoured as the most valuable player of the women’s tournament.

Agosta has represented Canada in women’s hockey for a decade. She celebrated her 19th birthday with a hat trick against Russia at the 2006 Turin Olympics. In February, she and her teammates won the gold medal in Sochi, Russia. Canada came back from two goals down to beat the United States in overtime.

Agosta isn’t retiring from the national team. She is simply taking a break and intends to keep her hockey skills sharp with the police department’s Centurions team. Agosta wants to play in a fourth Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, in 2018.

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### **ORILLIA, Ont. - Ontario Provincial Police say they are “cautiously optimistic” that this year will set a 10-year record for fewest road deaths due to failure to buckle up.**

The force says that as of Sunday 32 people have died this year in crashes where they weren’t wearing seatbelts.

That’s down from the 73 who died in 2013, and also from 2009’s 68 deaths - which is the tally to beat as it’s the lowest number of fatalities since 2005.

OPP says that while more than 100 people died each year between 2005 and 2007 in collisions where lack of seatbelt compliance was a contributing factor, since then the count has stayed in the two-figure range.

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### **OTTAWA – Canada’s privacy watchdog is investigating the RCMP’s warrantless collection of Canadians’ personal data.**

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner confirmed last week it is formally reviewing the police force’s collection of Canadians’ personal data from telecommunications companies. The findings are expected to be made public in the near future.

The RCMP has never met with the privacy commissioner to ensure that its requests comply with privacy laws, according to a recent disclosure to Liberal MP Irwin Cotler.

The investigation was launched after the former privacy commissioner, Chantal Bernier, revealed to the Star and the Halifax Chronicle Herald that nine telecoms were asked to turn over user data 1.2 million times in 2011.

Authorities in Canada, including the RCMP, routinely sought “basic subscriber information” — names, telephone numbers, address and Internet protocol addresses — without having to obtain a warrant.

Public Safety revealed last week that it has met with the privacy office numerous times to attempt to draft a new system of accountability for Canada’s police and spy agencies.

“Those provisions would have required that law enforcement agencies and (the Canadian Security Intelligence Service) create written records of each request, conduct regular audits of practices, deliver these audits to responsible ministers, and be subject to review by relevant oversight bodies,” said Public Safety Canada in a disclosure to Cotler.

The reform efforts have failed so far. All pieces of legislation that would have enacted the reforms have languished in Parliament and died on the order paper.

Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien’s office also confirmed they have launched a review into private Canadians’ complaints about the warrantless access. Those complaints focus on the telecom companies themselves, for voluntarily turning information over to police.  
(Toronto Star)

Sep 22 2014

### **VANCOUVER - Policing costs and the number of officers continue to rise in some Canadian cities despite a decline in crime rates, according to a new study by the Fraser Institute.**

The report, released by the conservative-leaning policy think tank on Monday, said between 2001 and 2012, police officers per 100,000 Canadians rose 8.7 per cent while crime rates during the same period fell by 26.3 per cent.

The study, Police and Crime Rates in Canada, also said the cost of policing went up by 45.5 per cent between 1986 and 2012, while the number of Criminal Code incidents handled by each officer went down by 36.8 per cent.

Using data from Statistics Canada for the census years 2001, 2006 and 2011, and controlling for local crime rates, demographics

and other socio-economic differences, study author Livio Di Matteo said his calculations suggest some areas have more officers than warranted, while others have fewer than needed.

“That results in understaffing and overstaffing,” he said in an interview. “That’s one way of interpreting the numbers.”

Di Matteo, an economics professor at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont., used a statistical model to predict the number of police officers per 100,000 Canadians. He then compared that figure to the actual number of officers.

Saint John, N.B., Winnipeg, Man., and Windsor, Ont., are cited in the study as having the least efficient staffing levels, while Moncton, N.B., Kelowna, B.C., and Ottawa-Gatineau are cited as having the most efficient staffing levels.

According to his calculations, Windsor, Ont., is predicted to have 138 officers per 100,000 people, and it actually has 181, Di Matteo said.

“When you get a number like that, it doesn’t necessarily mean 138 is optimum because these numbers are calculated based on a model that uses national data,” he said.

“So the next question you should ask yourself is, if your numbers diverge that much from the optimum, might there be any extenuating circumstances?”

Windsor Police Service said Di Matteo’s findings do not reflect its experience, as there has been a six per cent-reduction in police officers per 100,000 over the past three years.

“In 2011 the Windsor Police Service reported sworn officer strength of 466 to Statistics Canada,” said a written statement released by the Office of the Chief of Police. “Today, September 2014, the Windsor Police actual sworn strength is 440. The reduction over the three year period is a total of 26 sworn officers.”

The statement also notes that downtown Windsor is home to a casino that brings in thousands of daily visitors, and the city’s proximity to the state of Michigan, where the legal drinking age is 21 - compared to Ontario’s 19 - requires a large police presence.

Di Matteo agrees that the Statistics Canada data do not account for unique circumstances that could influence policing levels in each census metropolitan area.

“Some communities, for example, may have more issues with gangs than others, but there’s no way of knowing that from the aggregate data,” he said. “Some communities might have different policing styles, and some (census metropolitan areas) are quite large geographically and it could be they have several police forces.”

While the decline in crime rates could be attributed to more resources being devoted to fighting crime, Di Matteo suggested that may not necessarily be the case. Current police resources are at the same level as they were in the early 1990s, even though crime rates have declined since 1991, he said.

“This suggests that the long-term relationship between police resources and crime rates is not necessarily an inverse one,” Di

Matteo said in his report.

The study also notes that while higher crime rates may require more police spending, some cities have much smaller police forces than their crime rates would predict.

Di Matteo said the nature of policing work has changed over the years to include responding to social problems and behaviours. The increased reliance on technology during investigations also means police are dealing with larger volumes of emails, phone calls and text messages.

Both instances raise the question of whether police resources are being used efficiently, he said.

“Police will often say that they’re being called upon to do many other things, almost a function of social workers. It’s probably important to start collecting the data if that is really what’s driving the demand.”

Sep 22 2014

**SASKATOON - A judge has ruled he will not declare a mistrial in a high-profile Saskatoon murder case.**

Justice Gerald Allbright says the first-degree murder trial of Douglas Hales will continue.

Hales is accused of strangling Daleen Bosse in 2004, a woman he met at a bar.

The case against Hales included a Mr. Big sting, in which undercover RCMP posed as members of a criminal organization trying to recruit Hales.

In July, the Supreme Court raised the bar for confessions extracted through such stings to be admissible in court.

The defence was seeking a mistrial, arguing that a new trial was the only way to fairly apply the new test outlined in the Supreme Court ruling. (CKOM)

Sep 22 2014

**MONTREAL - A fire truck turned an Old Montreal street into a smash-up derby zone Saturday, pushing cop cars out of the way and sideswiping a BMW to get to a raging roof fire.**

A bystander shot a cellphone video of the driver blaring his sirens on the crowded, cobblestoned one-way street.

Several police cars were parked on the left side of the street and the unoccupied luxury car was on the right.

When the cars didn’t move quickly enough, the truck simply rear-ended the last cruiser in line, pushing the row of cars up the street.

The truck then backed up and bolted through the opening, crushing the side of the German luxury car and shearing off the front bumper.

A police officer can be seen trying in vain to put the car’s bumper back in place.

Fire official Denis Doucet used words such as “unique” and “exceptional” to describe the fire truck’s manoeuvre.

“There were exceptional circumstances: a major fire in a seven-story building, the narrow streets of Old Montreal...with large vehicles,” he said. “It becomes difficult to

manoeuvre.”

The City of Montreal will compensate the owner of the BMW.

(QMI Agency)

Sep 22 2014

**EDMONTON - The Edmonton Police Commission wants rural communities in Alberta to pay their way when it comes to policing costs.**

In a draft letter to the Alberta Government approved by the Edmonton Police Commission, the Commission argues that under the current funding model, 20 per cent of Albertans - those living in communities populations under 5,000 people - pay no direct costs for policing, while the tax burden to Edmontonians is \$341 per capita.

“A fifth of the province doesn’t pay anything towards policing, so instead of increasing tax revenues they need to go back and say to the rural communities, ‘listen, you guys need to pay your share of policing in this province,’” EPC chairman Shami Sandhu,

adding that according to numbers in 2010, the province subsidized rural policing costs to the tune of \$27 million.

Sandhu would much rather see that money going towards policing programs such as Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT).

“There are a lot of crime prevention and programs that target repeat offenders, organized crime and drugs; real public safety concerns, and \$27 million can go a long way,” said Sandhu.

Edmonton, specifically, faces unique challenges due to the amount of, what Sandhu describes as “doughnut populations” that surround the city.

“Calgary doesn’t have that shadow population - you either live in Airdrie or Calgary basically - but here we’ve got everyone else that lives around us and they all come into Edmonton for Oilers games, for shopping or for work and that takes an effort on behalf of the police service,” said Sandhu.

Sandhu says he will be sending the letter

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out to provincial MLAs by the end of the week. However, implementation of these changes will take some time as it requires changes to the Police Act.

"Changes to any act, they're not overnight and we understand that," said Sandhu. (Sun Media)

**TUESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Sep 23 2014

**ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - Ontario Provincial Police are investigating whether the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary played a role in a fatal crash in St. John's.**

The 22-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene after the vehicle she was driving crashed into a utility pole in St. John's early Sunday.

Newfoundland police Chief Bill Janes says a patrol car was parked in the area when it spotted the woman's car travelling at a high rate of speed.

Janes says Ontario police have been asked to determine what happened in the time between when the officer saw the vehicle and when the crash happened three kilometres down the road.

Janes says whether the patrol car was in pursuit of the woman at the time of the crash is part of the investigation. (VOICM)

Sep 23 2014

**After serving with the Espanola Police Services (EPS) for just over three decades, Police Chief Bob Towns is retiring.**



The announcement was made during the monthly Espanola Police Services Board meeting on Sept. 18.

"I started in 1978 as a cadet and can say I have seen many changes," he told the board. "I was 18 years old, out of high school. I started out at the bottom and I am leaving at the top."

Towns said he was the longest serving member of with the EPS, saying he takes pride in that fact.

"On behalf of the board, thank you for the 31 years," said board chair, Chris Gillis. "It's a real success story to start from the bottom." (Mid-North Monitor)

Sep 23 2014

**BOWDEN, Alta. - A man convicted for his role in the shooting deaths of four Alberta Mounties in Mayerthorpe nine years ago has been granted day parole.**

Shawn Hennessey dabbled his eyes as the parole board ruled he will only have to report to a halfway house in the evenings.

The board says the 36-year-old has taken responsibility for his actions and shown empathy for his victims.

Hennessey and his brother-in-law, Dennis Cheeseman, pleaded guilty to manslaughter for giving James Roszko a rifle and a ride to Roszko's farm near Mayerthorpe in 2005.

Roszko then ambushed and killed the four officers before he killed himself.

Sep 23 2014

**For 25 years, Vicki Fleming has quietly gone about her job with the RCMP in central Manitoba, guarding prisoners or making alterations to the uniforms of Mounties.**



At 81 years old, she's still doing it. But now, the RCMP are making some noise for her.

The detachment in Wabowden, where Fleming works, is turning the spotlight on her by telling about her efforts, honouring her with a luncheon and presenting her with a plaque.

"The RCMP relies heavily on the skill and dedication of employees such as Fleming," stated a news release from the RCMP.

As a matron in the detachment, Fleming is called in to guard prisoners. But she is also the local seamstress for the Mounties.

"You just watch a monitor and every so often you have to do a physical check through a window — make sure they're breathing and that they're safe and everything," she said.

"And then in between there I knit or crochet or whatever."

Once, while performing guard duties, she had to save a prisoner who was having an epileptic seizure. On the seamstress side of things, Fleming said she lets the waists out of officers' pants or takes them in, depending on how much exercise they get.

Her guarding career got started kind of quickly and unexpectedly.

"I filled out the forms that had to go to Ottawa on a Thursday and Friday night the corporal phoned me and says, 'we need a

guard.' And I says, 'oh did the forms come back?' He says, 'forms be darned, I need a guard,'" Fleming said.

"I had to search a woman and I'm trying to rack my brain, what did I see on TV? How do they search? And I winged it."

Wabowden is located approximately 650 kilometres north of Winnipeg. (CBC News)

Sep 23 2014

**ORANGEVILLE - Orangeville Police Chief Joe Tomei has announced he will retire from policing.**



In an email from the Orangeville Police Service Board, Tomei said he plans to retire from the position in December, after 43 years in policing.

"In 2007, I was given the honour of being sworn in as the Chief of Police of the Town of Orangeville. Since then it has been my pleasure to serve with a group of officers and civilian staff who exemplify the critical role policing plays in keeping our communities safe", Tomei said in a news release.

"I have also had the opportunity to get to know and work collaboratively with stakeholders and the residents and businesses of Orangeville on community policing and other key initiatives."

(Orangeville Banner)

Sep 23 2014

**VANCOUVER - Whether it's the latest smartphone or the trendiest new bike, it just takes an instant to lose.**

So the Vancouver Police are launching a new anti-theft campaign — 'Who's Watching It When You're Not?' — hoping to prevent the growing number of heists that happen in an instant when you turn your back.

"It happens in libraries, coffee shops, bars and night clubs, community centres — anywhere that people gather," said Vancouver Deputy Chief Adam Palmer. "This is a crime of opportunity, but there are people who are looking for an opportunity."

Smartphones and bikes are easy to unload on the black market, and people who leave a bike unlocked outside when they run in to get a coffee or leave a smartphone on a table when they use the washroom are tempting fate.

"I think, by and large, Vancouverites are pretty trusting people," said Palmer. "But we're seeing a lot of stolen cellphones, wallets, bicycles and any type of smartphone."

The campaign includes posters, videos, and bike hangers, all demonstrating how quickly an unguarded item can vanish.

Police are not only frustrated by these hard-to-solve instant thefts — sometimes people don't even realize the item is missing for hours — but also are inundated with stolen goods that they can't return to their rightful owners.

(The Province)

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Sep 24 2014

### **SYDNEY, N.S. - The brother of a Cape Breton police officer has been given the OK to sit on the board of police commissioners as a citizen appointee.**

Regional council approved Leonard Shaw's appointment yesterday.

Shaw's appointment was called into question over concerns about a possible conflict of interest.

That's because Shaw's brother is a constable with the Cape Breton Regional Police Service.

Mayor Cecil Clarke says it will be up Shaw to declare a conflict of interest if an issue were to arise and remove himself from the debate.

Shaw was one of four people considered for the citizen appointment.

The police commission recommended him and forwarded his name to the nominating committee, which raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest.

A further review of the Police Act, and consultation with the municipality's regional solicitor, indicated Shaw's family ties to the police force shouldn't disqualify him from sitting on the commission.

(Cape Breton Post)

Sep 24 2014

### **GODERICH, Ont. - A provincial police officer has been charged in connection with a two-vehicle collision in a town in southwestern Ontario.**

Police say it happened Sept. 13 at an intersection in Goderich.

It's alleged the officer, operating a fully marked police cruiser with emergency lights and siren activated, entered the intersection against a red light after stopping.

While in the intersection, police say the officer collided with another vehicle that had the right-of-way.

Damage to both vehicles was moderate and no injuries were reported.

Const. Mark Boyd, a four-year member of the Huron County OPP detachment, is charged with failing to yield to traffic.

Sep 24 2014

### **BATH, Ont. - A ringleader of the so-called Toronto 18 who plotted to storm Parliament and behead politicians has been denied parole.**

Fahim Ahmad faced a panel from the Parole Board of Canada today at the Millhaven Institution, a maximum-security prison for men in Bath, Ont.

Ahmad pleaded guilty in the middle of his 2010 trial to participating in a terrorist group, importing firearms and instructing his co-accused to carry out an activity for a terrorist group.

He was sentenced to 16 years in prison but received a credit of 8 1/2 years for the more than four years he spent in custody awaiting trial.

During trial, court heard Ahmad held training camps in the Ontario wilderness and told recruits the group would target legislative buildings in Ottawa, electrical grids and nuclear stations.

The group was rounded up in the summer of 2006 in an anti-terrorist operation that made headlines around the world.

Sep 24 2014

### **TORONTO - A police officer convicted of one assault related to the violence-marred G20 summit in Toronto four years ago has been acquitted in a second case.**

The Crown presented no evidence against Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani, who was charged with using a weapon to assault a blogger at the provincial legislature.

In a pretrial hearing last month, the judge ruled a photograph apparently showing the officer about to strike the victim inadmissible because it could not be authenticated.

The photograph was the key piece of evidence against the officer and the Crown had no case without it.

Andalib-Goortani, one of two officers criminally charged in relation to the G20, was convicted last year in the beating of protester Adam Nobody partly based on videotape evidence.

He is currently appealing his conviction, which resulted in a 45-day jail sentence.

Sep 24 2014

### **KENTVILLE, N.S. - The prosecution service in Nova Scotia has withdrawn a first-degree murder charge in the case of a missing woman because of concerns evidence gained through an undercover police sting may no longer be admissible.**

Crown attorney Robert Morrison says Albert Baird was released from custody after a hearing in Kentville provincial court.

Baird was arrested and charged in May 2013 following the 2002 disappearance of his common-law partner, Rhonda Wilson, a 31-year-old mother of three.

Morrison says he withdrew the charge in the wake of a Supreme Court of Canada decision on confessions attained through so-called Mr. Big police sting operations.

The high court noted several problems with the Mr. Big strategy in its July 31 ruling overturning the conviction of Nelson Hart in the deaths of his young daughters.

Morrison says he had concerns that

evidence gained through an undercover operation in the Baird case would no longer be admissible, diminishing the prospect of conviction.

Sep 24 2014

### **WINNIPEG - CTV Winnipeg says it has learned that on the last day she was seen alive, two police officers had contact with a 15-year-old girl whose body was later found in a bag in the Red River.**

However, despite the fact she was the subject of a missing person report, the officers allegedly let Tina Fontaine go.

CTV says the officers have been placed on restricted duty and the Winnipeg police department's professional standards division is investigating to determine whether any disciplinary action should be taken against them.

The death of Fontaine sparked renewed calls across Canada for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

The report says the two officers - a training officer and a recruit - came across Fontaine while spot-checking a car on Aug. 8.

A man who was with her was impaired and was taken into custody by police but Fontaine was released.

(CTV Winnipeg)

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Sep 25 2014

### **QUEBEC - Quebec drivers caught texting behind the wheel could soon be facing tougher penalties.**

Transport Minister Robert Poeti is considering sanctions against distracted driver drivers, including hitting them with four demerit points.

Currently, Quebec motorists caught texting can lose three points and be fined up to 100 dollars.

Poeti says it's difficult to assess the extent of the problem but says many accidents are caused by motorists using their smartphones while at the wheel.

It's been illegal to drive in Quebec while holding a cellphone since July 1st of 2008, but more than 66 thousand motorists were nabbed doing just that last year.

A survey conducted for the province's auto insurance board last November suggested 19 per cent of Quebec motorists who have a cellphone used it to text while driving.

Sep 25 2014

### **BRAMPTON, Ont. - Ontario's police watchdog says it is investigating a fatal police shooting in Brampton, northwest of Toronto, during a traffic stop.**

The Special Investigations Unit says a male person died in hospital after a Peel Region police officer fired his weapon during the incident just after 10 p.m. Wednesday.

The SIU says Peel Region police reported

that officers in a marked cruiser stopped a vehicle for investigation, and that there was an “interaction” between one of the occupants and the police before an officer “discharged his firearm.”

The name and age of the male has not been released.

The unit says it has assigned six investigators and three forensic investigators to the case.

Peel Region police say none of its officers were injured in the incident.

Const. Lilly Fitzpatrick says shortly after stopping a vehicle, the officer called for another unit, “but did not ask for a rush on that unit.”

But not long after that request was made, said Fitzpatrick, the officer activated an emergency button on his portable radio.

“Shortly after that emergency button went off, we started to receive calls of reports of shots fired,” she told CP24.

Fitzpatrick did not say what prompted the officer to activate the button.

(The Canadian Press, CP24)

Sep 25 2014

### **VAUGHAN, Ont. - In a massive co-ordinated investigation against online child exploitation, Ontario Provincial Police have charged 60 people and say they will continue working to put predators out of business.**

As of Thursday morning, police said, 99 search warrants had been executed across Ontario, resulting in 249 charges against the 60 suspects, who live in rural and urban communities throughout the province.

“The sweep carried out over the past few days is another wake-up call to those who commit these monstrous crimes against children,” Chief Supt. Don Bell told a news conference.

Most of the suspects are not known to one another, Bell said.

The raids also led to the rescue of 14 child victims and the seizure of drugs and some weapons, which police said were not gang-related.

It’s anticipated more arrests will be made and more victims identified as the investigation continues.

Among those charged are three people under age 18, who cannot be identified under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Others charged range in age from 19 to 63.

“The charges include sexual assault, sexual interference, child luring, possession of child pornography, making available child pornography, distribution of child pornography, making child pornography and accessing child pornography,” said Det. Staff Sgt. Frank Goldschmidt.

“It is one of the most difficult jobs in police work you can imagine,” said Insp. Scott Naylor, referring to the thousands of “horrific images” officers had to view during their investigation.

In announcing the crackdown Thursday, police praised the Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet.

Since the launch of the initiative in 2006, the provincial force has completed nearly 23,600 investigations and laid 8,750 charges against more than 2,600 people.

More than 500 child victims have been rescued in Ontario since the program began, police said.

At Thursday’s news conference, police displayed an animated map depicting more than 7,000 individual Internet Protocol addresses over a period of 180 days that had been identified as download candidates for suspected child pornography.

“The Provincial Strategy demonstrates the success that police services can achieve when working together and sharing our best practices and information,” said Bell.

Sep 25 2014

### **Longeault Quebec based R. Nicholls Distributors Inc. filed for bankruptcy September 5, 2014.**



Founded in 1980 by Bob Nicholls in partnership with Montreal entrepreneur Harry Freed, Nicholls became Canada’s leading supplier of public safety, security and law enforcement equipment and uniforms.

From modest beginnings in Montreal, R. Nicholls grew to become the major supplier of law enforcement equipment and clothing to all areas of Canada and also sold overseas. At its height, the company had national distributorship for more than 50 EMS oriented companies and represented over 10,000 products.

Nicholls was a major manufacturer and distributor of its own line of body armour and garments and grew to become one of the largest Canadian shirt manufacturers. The company was also known for its designer uniform clothing concepts and for introducing specially designed uniforms for females.

Nicholls initially began as a sales and distribution centre, sending its catalogue to all law enforcement and EMS stations in Canada. It once had a sales staff of more than 40 people who were either regional reps or experts in certain ranges of equipment such as firearms or forensic equipment.

Over the years relationships with a variety of individuals and corporations helped the company develop an overseas market which included Europe and the Middle and Far East. It opened a greatly expanded warehouse facility in Longeault Quebec in the mid-1990s. Due to a highly competitive marketplace and changes in both promotional style and delivery mechanisms, the company’s operations began declining over the past 10 years.

Toronto-based Priveq III announced in December 2007 that it had R. Nicholls in a management buy-in.

R. Nicholls filed for bankruptcy protection

Sept. 5 in Quebec through its trustee, the Richter Advisory Group.  
(Blue Line Magazine)

Sep 25 2014

### **WASHINGTON - FBI Director James B. Comey sharply criticized Apple and Google on Thursday for developing forms of smartphone encryption so secure that law enforcement officials cannot easily gain access to information stored on the devices — even when they have valid search warrants.**

His comments were the most forceful yet from a top government official but echo a chorus of denunciation from law enforcement officials nationwide. Police have said that the ability to search photos, messages and Web histories on smartphones is essential to solving a range of serious crimes, from murder to child pornography to attempted terrorist attacks.

“There will come a day when it will matter a great deal to the lives of people... that we will be able to gain access” to such devices, Comey told reporters in a briefing. “I want to have that conversation [with companies responsible] before that day comes.”

Comey added that FBI officials already have made initial contact with the two companies, who announced their new smartphone encryption initiatives last week. He said he could not understand why companies would “market something expressly to allow people to place themselves beyond the law.”

Comey’s remarks followed news last week that Apple’s latest mobile operating system, iOS 8, is so thoroughly encrypted that the company is unable to unlock iPhones or iPads for police. Google, meanwhile, is moving to an automatic form of encryption for its newest version of Android, used on hundreds of millions of smartphones worldwide, that the company also will not be able to unlock.

Police with search warrants would be free to use third-party software in hopes of defeating the encryption, but it would be difficult, time-consuming and in some cases all but impossible. More readily available would be data backed up on remote cloud services, such as Apple’s iCloud, that would still be subject to searches when police have warrants.

Both companies, contacted Thursday afternoon, declined to offer immediate reaction to Comey’s comments.

For detectives working a tough case, few types of evidence are more revealing than a smartphone. Calls logs, instant messages and location records can link a suspect to a crime precisely when and where it occurred. And a surprising number of criminals, police say, like to take selfies posing with accomplices — and often the loot they stole together.

But the era of easy law enforcement access to smartphones may be drawing to a close as courts and tech companies erect new barriers to police searches of popular electronic devices. The result, say law enforcement officials, legal experts and forensic analysts, is that more and more seized smartphones will end up as little more than shiny paperweights, with potentially incriminating secrets locked inside forever.

(Washington Post)