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August 8, 2014

Mr. Dennis R Young
1330 Ravenswood Drive SE
Airdrie, AB T4A 0P8

Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*
Request for Access to General Information

Your request for access to general information under the *FOIP Act* was received by Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (AJSG) on May 8, 2014.

Specifically, you requested access to records "For the period from June 20, 2013 to July 1, 2013, please provide copies of all e-mails, text messages, communications, warrants, warrant applications and correspondence in response to questions and requests from the RCMP and all directions and advice given to the RCMP by either Minister or other officials in the ministry, related to the warrantless search of more than 4,000 High River homes (including the kicking in of approximately nineteen hundred doors) and the seizure without warrants of hundreds firearms, ammunition, magazines, other weapons, stolen goods, drugs and contrabands in June and July of 2013."

Please note that nothing in this correspondence (or its attachments) constitutes a waiver of any privilege.

We are pleased to provide access to the records you requested; copies of which are enclosed. There were a total of 37 records responsive to your request:

- 28 pages are disclosed in full
- 2 pages are disclosed in part
- 7 pages were withheld in full

Some of the records located contain information that is withheld from disclosure under the *FOIP Act*. We have severed (removed) the excepted information so that we could disclose the remaining information in the records. The severed information is withheld from disclosure under the following section(s):

- Section 4(1)(a) – Records to which the *FOIP Act* applies

Certain pages of the records were severed in their entirety pursuant to section 4(1)(a) of the *FOIP Act*, as these records consist of court documents, that fall outside of the *FOIP*

Act. Should you require this documentation, copies may be obtained directly from the relevant court.

Please be advised that duplicate information has been removed from this package and that all copies provided are of the best possible quality.

We have included a copy of the relevant sections of the *FOIP Act* to explain why information was withheld.

As we were late in the processing of your request, a refund of your deposit of \$86.75 will be mailed to you separately.

If you feel that your request has not been answered completely or you require further clarification, please contact Pam Gill, FOIP Advisor at 780-427-1012.

Please note that under section 65 of the *FOIP Act*, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta to review our foregoing response to your request. To request a review, you must complete and deliver a *Request for Review* form within 60 days from the date of this notice to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
#410, 9925 – 109 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2J8

The form is available under the Resources tab on the Commissioner's website www.oipc.ab.ca or you can call 1-888-878-4044 (in Edmonton, call 780-422-6860) to request a copy of the form.

If you wish to request a review, please provide the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) with the following information:

1. A copy of this letter.
2. A copy of your original request form that you sent to Alberta Justice and Solicitor General.
3. A completed OIPC *Request for Review* Form.

Sincerely,



Richard Marks
Director and FOIP Coordinator
Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Enclosures: Record package – 30 pages
Section 4(1)(a) of the *FOIP Act*

7302-5/11

Marie Anne Babie

From: Bill Sweeney
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 4:40 PM
To: Marie Anne Babie
Subject: FW: Letter
Attachments: Letter to Minister Denis 13-06-28 re RCMP Storage of Fire_2.pdf; Ministers Letter_1.pdf

From: Marianne RYAN
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 4:40:10 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Letter

Bill - just for your info, I am attaching a copy of the letter I signed in response to the letter from the Minister. Let me know if you have questions on this.

Marianne

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Commanding Officer
"K" Division



Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commandant
de la division "K"

June 28, 2013

Honourable Jonathan Denis
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
403 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Denis:

Re: RCMP Storage of Firearms -- High River, Alberta

Thank you for sharing the concerns raised by members of the High River community in response to actions undertaken by the RCMP during the recent floods in southern Alberta. As part of the search and rescue efforts in High River, the RCMP conducted searches of the residences in order to preserve life and assist residents who were in need of aid.

During the course of these duties, numerous firearms were found in an unsecure state and were retrieved by RCMP members. In order to ensure public safety, while safeguarding the interests of the respective firearm owners, these items are being temporarily stored by the RCMP in anticipation of their safe return to the lawful owners.

A detailed communications strategy informing owners as to how to retrieve their property has been drafted. This strategy will provide the necessary information, including those persons whose proof of ownership may have been destroyed as a result of the flood, to be repatriated with their property in a timely fashion.

Please know that the RCMP remains committed to assisting the residents of High River as they return to their homes in the days and weeks ahead.

Yours truly,


D.N. (Dale) McGowan
Deputy Commissioner, M.O.M.
Commanding Officer "K" Division

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Edmonton, AB T5G 2T4
Telephone: 780-412-5444
Fax: 780-412-5445

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JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Acadia*

June 27, 2013

D.N. (Dale) McGowan
Deputy Commissioner, M.O.M.
Commanding Officer, RCMP "K" Division
11140 - 109 Street
Edmonton, AB T5G 2T4

Dear Deputy Commissioner McGowan:

During this flooding disaster in southern Alberta, I have admired the dedication and commitment of Alberta's law enforcement agencies to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of persons, property, and the communities. Earlier this week, I had the privilege to join the Hon. Vic Toews, Minister of Public Security through High River and he shared the same level of admiration for the terrific service from members of the RCMP.

As discussed with you yesterday, throughout my visits to High River over the past week, some residents in High River have asked why firearms were collected from numerous private dwellings. The concerns from residents revolved around three general concerns. First, I would ask you to please confirm that these firearms are stored and not confiscated or seized. Second, is there a plan to communicate to Albertans a process to retrieve their lawful property? Last, will there be a process if proof of ownership was destroyed in the flood?

Again, I thank you and the RCMP for their exceptional service at this time of crisis in southern Alberta.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Denis, QC
Minister

Marie Anne Babie

From: Darryl URANO <Darryl.Urano@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 5:21 PM
To: Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Rick Taylor; Tim Grant; Wendy Moshuk; Bill Young; Dale MCGOWAN; George STEPHENSON; Gibson GLAVIN; John HANEY; Josee VALIQUETTE; KFile.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; Marianne RYAN; Marlin DEGRAND; Patricia NEELY; Roger MILLER; Shawn LEMAY
Subject: MJSJ BN 13-051 **UPDATE** Flooding in Southern Alberta - Southern Alberta District 2013-06-21
Attachments: 13-051 2013-06-20 UPDATE- Flooding in Southern Alberta.docx

The attached BN is for MJSJ distribution.

Sgt. Darryl Urano
Provincial Reviewer
"K" Division
Criminal Operations
780-412-5842



**BRIEFING NOTE TO
ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION**

“K” DIVISION

PURPOSE: For the information of the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General. This Briefing Note is an update to BN 13-050 sent 2013-06-20. Further information shall be provided if required.

ISSUE:

- Significant portions of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains are experiencing very heavy rainfalls.

BACKGROUND:

- Heavy rains have caused flooding in numerous communities within the Bow River drainage basin in southern Alberta.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Approximately one third of the Town of Canmore has been evacuated.
- Evacuation of the Town of High River is about 95% complete.
- The Highwood River running through the community of High River is believed to have crested and the water level is holding steady.
- It is believed that all persons previously reported on rooftops have been rescued.
- The town has 3-5 feet of water in most areas making door to door checks challenging.
- All utilities, telephone, power, water/sewer, have been lost in High River.
- There have been a number of unconfirmed sighting of bodies in the area.
- Serious Crimes Branch is engaged and interviews of those individuals who reported the sighting are being arranged.
- There is one confirmed body in the river near Longview, Alberta, however conditions are too dangerous for recovery at this time.



BRIEFING NOTE TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

“K” DIVISION

- 125 additional members are being deployed to the High River area to assist with calls for service and security.
- “CF” air assets are on scene at High River and are continuing to assist with search and rescue operations.
- Prime Minister Harper is scheduled to land in Calgary later this afternoon and then tour the affected areas by military helicopter.
- Numerous other road closures have been reported in the affected areas due to flooding and mudslides.
- Preliminary information indicates at least 11 RCMP employees have flood damages to their homes. Two homes are reported to be completely lost.
- Cochrane RCMP members have made their way into Bragg Creek via All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and are checking on the people stranded there.
- Contingency planning to provide security for the evacuated communities is ongoing.
- A request has been made to Department of National Defense through the Provincial Operations Center for 300 resources to be deployed to High River, Alberta. The purpose will be to conduct security checks, door knocks on residences.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Emergency Operations Centers at Division, Southern Alberta District and numerous communities are in operation.
- “K” Division RCMP will be holding a press conference in High River, Alberta at 5:00 pm local time.
- There will be a news release that will be disseminated to the media moments before the press conference.
- The press conference and news release will confirm two (2) deceased individuals located in the flood waters in Southern Alberta.

Marie Anne Babie

From: Tim Grant
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 7:48 PM
To: Dan Laville; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt
Cc: Josh Stewart; Linda Chupka; Michelle Davio; Brian Mulawka; Jason Maloney
Subject: Re: MO gun seizure questions

Sorry Dan. It should read "in plain view and NOT secured".

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To: Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
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Thanks,
Dan

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To: Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
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- Will people be charged when picking these guns up for improper storage?
Suggestions on how to reply?

Thanks,
Dan

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Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 7:13 PM
To: Josh Stewart; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
Cc: Linda Chupka; Michelle Davio; Brian Mulawka; Jason Maloney
Subject: Re: MO gun seizure questions

Yes, should read: in 'plain view and unsecured'.

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From: Josh Stewart
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 07:02 PM Mountain Standard Time
To: Dan Laville; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
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To: Michelle Davio; Dan Laville; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
Cc: Linda Chupka; Brian Mulawka; Jason Maloney
Subject: Re: MO gun seizure questions

We are working on correcting that now.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michelle Davio
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 07:06 PM
To: Josh Stewart; Dan Laville; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
Cc: Linda Chupka; Brian Mulawka; Jason Maloney
Subject: Re: MO gun seizure questions

Cgy herald story says nothing about guns being in plain view.

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Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 7:05 PM
To: Dan Laville; Bill Sweeney; Gloria Ohrt; Tim Grant
Cc: Josh Stewart; Linda Chupka; Brian Mulawka; Jason Maloney
Subject: Re: MO gun seizure questions

Calgary Herald has a story about this - "hell to pay: residents angry as rcmp seize firearms from high river homes". Also says "rcmp revealed thursday that officers have confiscated a "substantial amount" of firearms from homes evac in high river.

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Marie Anne Babie

From: Gloria Ohrt
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Christine Nardella
Cc: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Mun Affairs Minister must declare the emergency I believe. Has he done so would be something to confirm.

From: Christine Nardella
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:51 AM Mountain Standard Time
To: Gloria Ohrt
Subject: RE: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Honestly, I don't know the answer – is that our legislation or Muni Affairs?

From: Gloria Ohrt
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Christine Nardella
Cc: Bill Sweeney
Subject: RE: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Is it the Emergency Management Act or the Emergency Measures Act? Shades of Pierre Trudeau invoking EMA.

G

From: Bill Sweeney
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:45 AM
To: Gloria Ohrt; Christine Nardella
Subject: Re: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Christine/Gloria: I'm relying on memory but the authorities are in the Emergency Measures Act...Sections 21,24 and 19. These provisions speak to local authorities and powers that can be exercised in local state of emergencies. It includes evacuations and search of buildings, without warrant, to effect emergency plans. Bill

From: Gloria Ohrt
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:37 AM
To: Christine Nardella
Cc: Bill Sweeney
Subject: FW: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Christine – I've made one change about the drugs/grow ops; highlighted in yellow – rather than police just "noting", as they can seize, or follow up with search warrants, I've changed it to "take lawful action".

Also, under the Emergency Measures Act, doesn't the Minister have to declare an emergency first to give those powers to police? I'm sure that's been done, but you may want to reference that since the question is about what authority police have to do this.

G

From: Christine Nardella
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 10:48 AM

To: Gloria Ohrt

Subject: Updated-kms re Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Police Activity in Flood Impacted Areas

Issue:

Residents of various communities in southern Alberta have been evacuated due to extensive flooding. To ensure the safety of the area, police officers have been looking for residents who have not left and ensuring the areas are as secure as possible in light of the circumstances. The media may ask what authority police officers have to do this and why they are doing it.

Key Messages:

- **Police services have the authority to ensure areas are secure under the *Emergency Measures Act*.**
- **In emergency situations, these measures permit police services to oversee the security of devastated areas.**
- **This may include searching for people, checking for gas leaks and electricity issues, and ensuring evacuated homes are not being targeted by looters.**
- **This is an exceptionally stressful situation for all concerned, and my Ministry and its partners are doing all they can to help the victims of the flood respond to this emergency.**

If asked what happens if weapons such as guns are found when police are in someone's house under the Emergency Measures Act?

- **When police enter a home under the Emergency Measures Act, such as to check if a resident needs evacuation, they are obligated to remove any unsecured weapons/ammunition they see.**
- **The unsecured weapons/ammunition can be returned when it is safe to do so. In the case of communities affected by the recent floods, police are developing the**

process of returning the weapons/ammunition to residents.

- Similarly, police are obligated to take lawful action relative to any illegal goods or operations, such as drugs or grow-ops, if they come across them when they are legally in a person's home.
- The priority at this point is ensuring the safety of residents and communities.

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~~if asked what happens if illegal goods are found about related questions?~~

- Any other questions relating to police officers finding drugs or other illegal items during searches should be directed to the RCMP or Calgary police.

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Marie Anne Babie

From: Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 6:54 PM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: Questions

Hello Bill. I am following up on your question with respect to our presence on the FN's (Morley and Siksika) but to my knowledge, there haven't been any specific complaints made to us about the level of security we're providing in those areas. But I have made a call to get some specifics and numbers of our resource deployments for those areas for your reference to confirm.

With respect to your second question, we are operating under common law authority to preserve human life. We are checking residences to make sure there are no shut-ins, people with special needs, the elderly who may be overcome by gas etc. We use as little force as is necessary to gain entry and once the residences are checked, we secure them again when we leave. With respect to the seizure of unsecured firearms, that would be under the "plain view" doctrine.

You do raise a good point on communicating what legal authorities we are using and on that point, we will get something on paper from Crown counsel tomorrow morning to give to our folks speaking to media for their reference and confidence in speaking to this issue to the public.

I should be able to get back to you tonight to confirm what we're doing for the FN's. Marianne

Marianne Ryan
Assistant Commissioner
Officer in Charge
"K" Division Criminal Operations
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780-217-0779 (Cell)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Sweeney <bill.sweeney@gov.ab.ca>
To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/25/2013 8:20:43 PM
Subject: Questions

Marianne:

I just received a call from Tim Grant. Our Minister apparently had two questions for him.

(1) The First Nations Chiefs in Morley and Sisika have apparently made comments that they need more police presence in securing and assisting with flood related problems in their communities. The question was: are we providing this support now and is it adequate and effective?

(2) What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood stricken area? This was in relation to High River and breaking into homes to look for casualties. The Minister was aware that firearms that have not been properly stored were seized during these searches and also anticipates that some residents will ask this question later.

I believe that Tim will be sending these same questions to Dale but thought you should know they are coming.

I have my thoughts on both questions but the response should come from you.

Thanks Marianne.

Bill

Marie Anne Babie

From: Tim Grant
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Bill Sweeney; Linda Chupka
Subject: Re: Letter

Bill

Thanks for heads up. Mat confirmed it was posted by MO but no explanation as to why.

I will continue to track. I guess we are still in damage control.

Tim

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Sweeney
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 04:18 PM
To: Tim Grant; Linda Chupka
Subject: Letter

Tim:

Just spoke with Marianne. The RCMP are quite concerned with the decision to post (on twitter) a copy of the letter that the Minister sent to the CO with respect to the Firearms issue. She advised me that the Premier spoke to the press about the firearms issue earlier today (I did not hear the interview) and that the Premier's comments were very helpful in terms of easing anxieties and tension. She believes that the decision to post a letter sent from the Minister to the CO has just the opposite effect.

She advised me that they are still gathering info on how many firearms were secured...it is in the several hundreds. She states that it appeared that many firearms owners appeared to have taken their weapons out of gun lockers (normally in the basement) and put them in areas that would likely not be flooded. Most were on beds or on dressers. The decision to secure was based on several factors:

- (1) They had a duty to secure firearms when lawful owners had been ordered to evacuate and could not secure (as they are required to do) on their own.
- (2) They were apprehensive firearms could be stolen Bill

Marie Anne Babie

From: Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2013 10:10 AM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Situational Report

Good morning Bill. An updated SitRep for your information. Looks like we also need to accommodate the camp staff which brings the number of members we can accommodate in the camp to 156. Marianne

"K" DIVISION - Situation Report
Flooding – Southern/Central Alberta
2013-06-29 2300 hrs
Day 9

BACKGROUND:

· 2013-06-20 the RCMP were called upon to respond to local state of emergency orders in numerous communities and to ensure traffic safety on regional roads impacted as a result of severe flooding in Southern and Central Alberta.

STATUS UPDATE:

- High River – The Provincial EOC Director advises that 30% of residents, approximately 4000 people, have returned to High River. A further 800 are scheduled to return on 2013-06-30. Escorted tours are ongoing with three buses entering the flooded area every one half hour.
Some areas could remain closed for up to five weeks with two-thirds of High River still underwater.
- Social media will be utilized to announce the process for returning firearms secured during the search and rescue operation.
- The return of vehicles will begin 2013-06-30.
- There are 11 State of Local Emergencies still declared in the province
being: City of Calgary (Renewed), Town of Black Diamond (Renewed), Kananaskis (Renewed), MD of Bighorn (Hamlet of Exshaw) (Renewed), MD of Ranchland (County-wide cancelled - Now only for Dutch Creek Watershed, Oldman Watershed and Livingstone River Watershed), MD of Foothills (Renewed), City of Medicine Hat (Renewed), Siksika Nation (Renewed), Town of Turner Valley, Tsuu T'ina Nation, Stoney Nation.
- A Provincial State of Emergency remains in effect for the Town of High River.
- Siksika Nation: Interim accommodation is being planned. ATCO is currently waiting for final numbers of expected residents needing to be accommodated.
- First Nations: Inspections on all affected First Nations communities are progressing well with excellent cooperation from all partners.
- RCMP accommodation: Temporary accommodation for members attending High River will see the initial phase of construction completed on 2013-06-30 with a projected capacity of 68. The remaining units will be constructed by 2013-07-01 bringing the total capacity to 156.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Re-entry plan in effect.
- VSU liaison members are present during the bus tours and are sharing information with evacuees and assisting with re-entry.

- Media attention remains high, no immediate media concerns.
- Social Media is being monitored.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Multi-agency response requires coordination of communications efforts with partners.
- Partner agencies are sending public safety messages in support of police efforts.
- Affected First Nations communities continue to support police efforts.

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From: Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:02 PM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: Firearms

The total number secured during the search and rescue is 529. We have secured additional firearms during the provincial home inspections bringing the total to 553. The ones secured during the home inspections were from residences where the home owners are not likely to return in the next couple of days.

We have returned firearms to a total of 5 people. In fact there is a gentleman at the Det right now picking up 93.

We have signs posted at the evac centres advising people they can come and pick them up and we physically went to 15 residences in Zone 1 which is open and no one was home.

Let me know if you need any more info on this. Marianne

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To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/1/2013 1:20:58 PM
Subject: Re: Firearms

Thanks....Bill

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From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:19 AM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: Firearms

Stand by - I'll get that - Marianne

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Sent: 7/1/2013 1:06:47 PM
Subject: Fw: Firearms

Marianne:

I hate to be a pest but the Premier was wanting information respecting the number of firearms that were secured by the police in High River. During our discussion on Friday, you advised that you had asked for the High River Commander to provide you with an accurate figure. Can you share this with me?
Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Andre Corbould
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:56 AM
To: Bill Sweeney; Tim Grant; Peter Lemieux; Terri Savitsky
Subject: RE: SitRep

Thanks Bill. Or perhaps because they don't have registration papers for them...

The Premier asked this morning if it's possible to get the numbers of weapons that were secured. For background info only. She knows the story is going away and has no intention of adding more light to it. Just wanted background info if possible.

Andre

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Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 10:47 AM
To: Andre Corbould; Tim Grant; Peter Lemieux; Terri Savitsky
Subject: Fw: SitRep

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Marie Anne Babie

From: Terri Savitsky
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:40 AM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: SitRep

Done! I figured as much..

We have been chatting about the prosecutor / RCMP agreement etc.
You will respond to the request from Andre correct?

Thanks
Terri

Sent from my iPad

On 2013-07-01, at 11:33 AM, "Bill Sweeney" <bill.sweeney@gov.ab.ca> wrote:

> Thanks Terri.
> Brett is an old friend and former colleague. Plse pass on my regards.
> Bill
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Terri Savitsky
> Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:31 AM
> To: Bill Sweeney
> Subject: Re: SitRep
>
> Thanks Brett White will cancel his request. The Premier is on site and wanted to know how many were taken and how many were returned according. According to the RCMP sit rep 4 people addresses this issue yesterday. Two people received their firearms upon request and two wished the RCMP to temporarily retain custody of the firearms.
> Terri
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
> On 2013-07-01, at 11:23 AM, "Bill Sweeney" <bill.sweeney@gov.ab.ca> wrote:
>
>> No need Terri....I am dealing with the CO on this.
>> Bill
>>
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: Terri Savitsky
>> Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:02 AM
>> To: Andre Corbould
>> Cc: Peter Lemieux; Bill Sweeney
>> Subject: Re: SitRep
>>
>> I am looking into this with the POCs rep. Stand by.
>>

>> Sent from my iPad

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>> On 2013-07-01, at 10:56 AM, "Andre Corbould" <andre.corbould@gov.ab.ca> wrote:

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>>> Thanks Bill. Or perhaps because they don't have registration papers for them...

>>>

>>> The Premier asked this morning if it's possible to get the numbers of weapons that were secured. For background info only. She knows the story is going away and has no intention of adding more light to it. Just wanted background info if possible.

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>>> Andre

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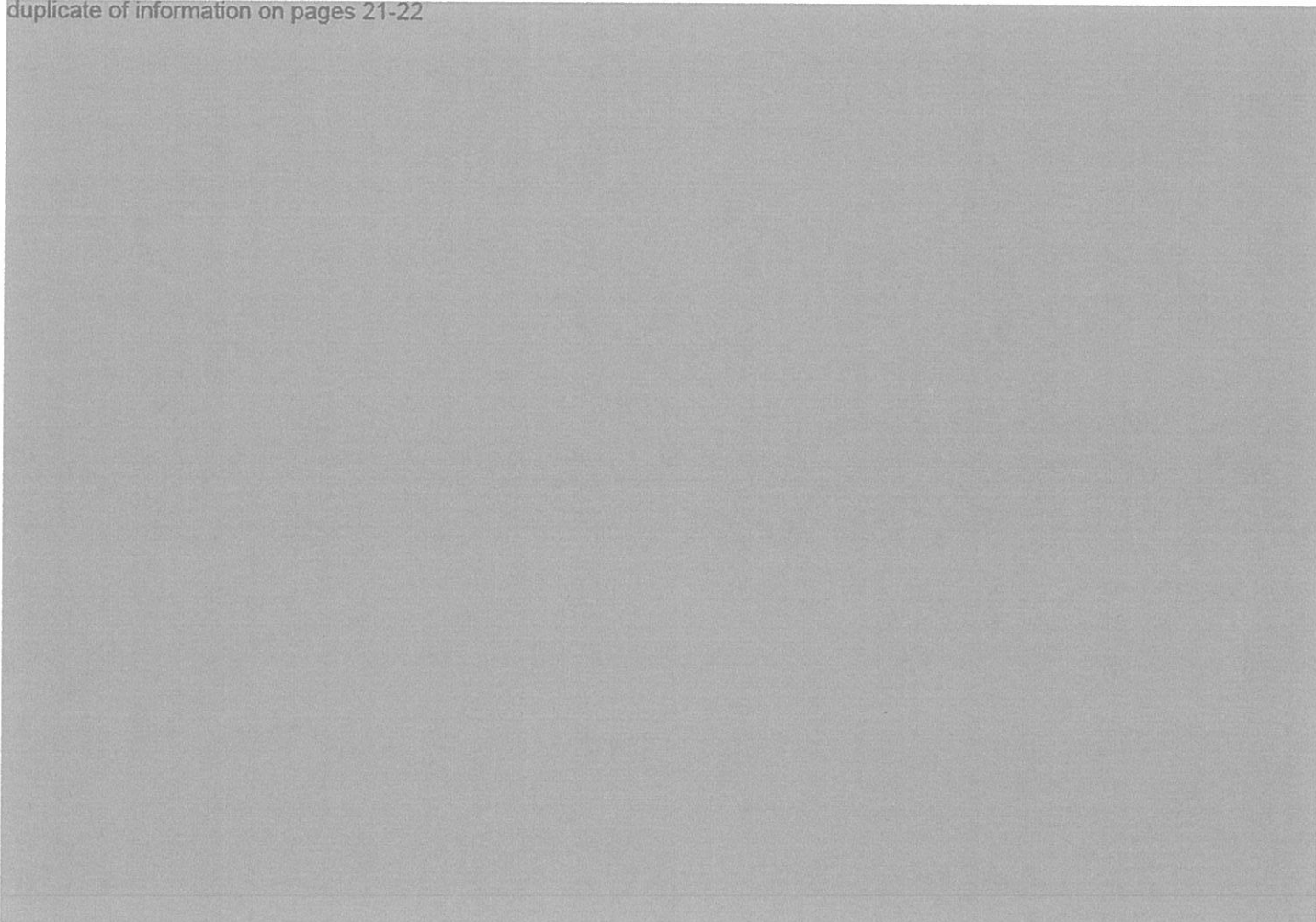
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Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:08 AM
To: Terri Savitsky
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Thanks Terri. Yes probably best to get that answer to the Premier via the POC. Thanks,

Andre

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Marie Anne Babie

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Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Bill Sweeney
Subject: Re: SitRep

We are already engaged in active returns, including one household that had well over \$25K in custom guns. This owner could not have been more satisfied and thankful for our efforts here and has plans to express this to the general public. That would be good.

Marianne

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To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 7/1/2013 12:50:21 PM
Subject: Re: SitRep

Thanks Marianne.

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Pam Gill

From: Benkendorf, Barry <Barry.Benkendorf@JUSTICE.GC.CA>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Kim Palichuk
Subject: Giles

Mr. Justice LoVecchio dismissed Mr. Gilles application completely without any oral representations from the RCMP counsel.

In summary, Mr. Justice LoVecchio dismissed Mr. Giles application completely on the grounds that he was not prepared to grant any Court Orders during an emergency. His Lordship stated that he was not prepared to second guess the decisions and actions of emergency personnel during a crisis situation. He further advised that if he even entertained Mr. Giles' application it would invite media scrutiny and public chaos with everyone in High River applying to Court to gain access to their property in a time of an emergency. Mr. Justice LoVecchio stated that Mr. Giles' application for injunctive relief was severe given the circumstances. His Lordship told Mr. Giles that if he had a complaint against the RCMP at a later date, he could sue them in Court for damages.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Barry Benkendorf
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From: Lorne Merryweather
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:31 AM
To: Kim Palichuk
Subject: FW: Originating Application - Court File No. 1301 07861
Attachments: image2013-06-28-100915.pdf

Here's the e version

From: Bill Nugent
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 10:48 AM
To: Lorne Merryweather
Subject: FW: Originating Application - Court File No. 1301 07861

From: Bill Nugent
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 10:43 AM
To: Susan Bercov
Cc: Nolan Steed; Rita Sumka; Adrian Jewell
Subject: FW: Originating Application - Court File No. 1301 07861

Sue : This relates to the flood in High River .There is an application in Q.B. this afternoon . I will phone you shortly.
Bill

From: Harper, Charlotte [<mailto:Charlotte.Harper@justice.gc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Bill Nugent
Cc: Benkendorf, Barry
Subject: Originating Application - Court File No. 1301 07861

SENT ON BEHALF OF BARRY BENKENDORF

Good morning Mr. Nugent,

Please find attached the Originating Application in regards to the above-noted matter.

Thank you,

Charlotte Harper

Legal Assistant | Assistante juridique

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ATTN: Grant GINGERYSTY
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