

Airdrie, Alberta  
June 14, 2014

MY FILE: 079

Ms. Suzanne Legault  
The Information Commissioner of Canada  
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Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Legault:

**Re: NO RECORDS COMPLAINT RCMP HIGH RIVER FILE: A-2014-03392**

Please find attached a copy of my original request dated May 19, 2014 and the RCMP no records response dated June 9, 2014 that I received on June 13, 2014, 2014. I wish to complain about the RCMP's response which states: "Please be advised that we were unable to locate any information relating to your request."

The RCMP had 273 officers deployed in High River during the period in question. Every RCMP officer keeps detailed notes of their daily activities in notebooks issued to them by the RCMP. A good example is RCMP Constable's Jason Decoste's handwritten notes attached and in this link: [Chronology of a High River Gun Seizure](#)

It seems impossible that not one of these 273 RCMP officers deployed in High River during this period would have made a single note about their ". . . concerns, complaints and grievances about what they were ordered to do, what they witnessed, about doors being kicked in, about houses being searched without warrant, about firearms, ammunition, other weapons, and accessories being seized without warrant, disciplinary action or retribution of any kind taken against any member of the RCMP who refused to participate in the searches and seizures in High River during this period."

Danielle Smith, MLA for High River and Leader of the Official Opposition Wildrose Party organized and held a very well attended town hall meeting in High River on September 5, 2013. Staff/Sgt. Ian Shardlow, NCO in charge of the High River detachment, was invited to address the many concerns raised by a few hundred irate homeowners that night. The Sun News Network recorded the proceedings and this is a direct quote made by Staff/Sgt. Shardlow: "What I'm suggesting to you though is that the High River members aren't the ones that made the **hard decisions**, whether they're born out to be correct or not. Rather than leave them in a position where they may have to police the community afterward, right, in an **unhealthy environment**, every member that comes back to work in High River didn't work from the 24th of June into a significant period into July. None of them made the **hard decisions**, none of them opened your doors, kicked your doors, smashed your doors, none of them searched your homes." [emphasis added]

Why would these RCMP officers be removed from their High River posting if they had not complained about the "hard decisions" and the "unhealthy environment" they believed they were going to have to work in following the actions taken by the RCMP in High River during the period in question?

Finally, the unprecedented speed at which this request was processed by the RCMP also makes the no records response suspect; especially when the following files from last year are still waiting to be processed.

MY FILE: 044 – RCMP – Slave Lake Firearms Seizures  
Filed: July 8, 2013 - RCMP FILE: A-2013-04343

MY FILE: 045 – RCMP – RCMP Standing Orders - Emergency Evacuations  
Filed: July 8, 2013 - RCMP FILE: A-2013-04350

MY FILE: 052 – RCMP – High River - Officer's Notes of Firearms Seizures  
Filed: September 11, 2013 - RCMP FILE: A-2013-05648

Thanks again for your help to uncover the truth about what actually happened in High River last summer.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 079

### Federal Government Institution:

RCMP - OTTAWA HQ, K DIVISION, SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT  
& HIGH RIVER DETACHMENT

### Details regarding the information being sought:

Please provide copies of the reports, notes, documents, e-mails, correspondence and witness statements filed by members of the RCMP who served in High River, Alberta between June 20, 2013 and July 10, 2013 who had concerns, complaints and grievances about what they were ordered to do, what they witnessed, about doors being kicked in, about houses being searched without warrant, about firearms, ammunition, other weapons, and accessories being seized without warrant and any records, documents, reports, correspondence concerning any and all disciplinary action or retribution of any kind taken against any member of the RCMP who refused to participate in the searches and seizures in High River during this period.

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Method of access preferred:  Receive copies of originals  Examine originals in government offices

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or  
 a corporation present in Canada

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: May 19, 2014



# Forced entry and seizure of property by the RCMP in High River following the June flood.

Thank-you for attending this important meeting and providing your feedback regarding action taken by the RCMP following the flooding in High River, June 2013. Please take a moment to provide your contact information, answer a few questions, and tell us your story. This information is being collected by Danielle Smith, MLA Highwood in an effort to better understand the issues and concerns facing her constituents in regards to these matters. The information included will not be shared with anyone other than key staff members without consent.

Full Name: Don + Jane White

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Info: Phone (home): [REDACTED]

Phone (cell): [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Please briefly outline the types of damage you experienced (broken door(s), property removed/damaged/missing, parts of home left dirty or in disarray etc.).

THE FRONT DOOR - WITH GLASS AND SIDELITES (GLASS) HAD BEEN BATTERED IN AS WELL AS BEING BENT WITH DRYBAR - FRAME SPLIT - FIBRE GLASS DOOR SPLIT OPEN - DEADBOLT TORN COMPLETELY OUT. - MANY SETS OF MUDDY FOOT AND GLOVE PRINTS THROUGHOUT HOME INCLUDING MATTRESSES - JEWEL BOX - EVERY CLOSET - MUD ON FRIDGE DOOR.

How many days passed before you were allowed to return to your home?  
FROM JUNE 20 UNTIL JULY 14

When you returned home was your house secure? If no, how long did it take you to secure your house once again?

THE DOOR WAS BEATEN DOWN WITH OFFICER J.C DE COSTE IN ATTENDANCE AT 1900H JUNE 24 WHEN HE WENT FROM STATION TO MY HOME TO SEIZE 11 RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS. IT REMAINS UNSECURED UNTIL JULY 16 AS I SCREWED IT SHUT ON 14 AND FOUND IT KICKED IN AGAIN ON 15. STILL PLYWOOD COVERED

Please outline the financial obligations you took on in re-securing your house and repairing/cleaning your property (door costs, carpet cleaning fees, window replacement etc.).

THE CARPET CLEANING COST 275<sup>++</sup>. MY WIFE SPENT HOURS TRYING TO REMOVE OILY MUD FROM HARDWOOD AREAS AND MORE ON TILE FLOORS. THE REPLACEMENT DOOR COMBINATION WAS ORDERED AND PAID FOR IN FULL TO HOME DEPOT JULY 31/3000 AND INSTALLATION COSTS OF 1000<sup>XX</sup> FOR REMOVAL OF OLD AND INSERTION OF NEW - PLUS MOLDINGS LOCKSETS ETC.

...in relation to the damage you experienced? Please outline the items you have included as part of your claim.

WE ONLY CLAIMED THREE THOUSAND FOR THE DOOR  
AND ONE THOUSAND FOR INSTALLATION/REMOVE ALL - LOCKSETS

If you have had an opportunity to speak with a representative from the RCMP concerning the actions taken, please include the explanation/comments shared by them with you.

I ADVISED THEM THAT THE ONLY LOOTERS I SAW  
HAD UNIFORMS, MY ARMS WERE BEHIND LOCKED DOORS  
AND WERE TRIGGER LOCKED - IN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. SAFES  
UNDER WATER IN BASEMENT. HE ADVISED IN OPEN VIEW SO  
UN SAFELY STORED. HE DID NOT SEEM CONCERNED ABOUT  
DAMAGES DONE TO HOME WHICH HAD BEEN PRISTINE.

Please use this space to share your story in more detail. Feel free to include any information we have not yet collected that you feel would be of benefit as we piece together your experience.

1. Walls had scrapes and dark brown marks where guns  
were leaned and then slid over the upstairs  
landing rail to someone below. Dark brown marks  
were left as guns were lowered and mark where  
the wall meets the ceiling.

2. As Don stated there were enormous thick  
mud prints on hardware in kitchen and  
dining room. Mud was on a cold air intake  
where a boot rubbed all over it same how.

3. Thick mud had to be cleaned off my new carpet  
upstairs, off mattress, closet doors, table, jewelry etc.

If you have any pictures or video of the actions of the RCMP, the damage you experienced, or anything else you feel may be of benefit, please tear off the bottom of this sheet and email it to the address listed.

We have many pictures of proof downloaded and  
can forward them at your request.

We still has a 4x8 OSB over our front entry.

Please send information or inquiries related to forced entry and seizure of property to [highwood@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:highwood@assembly.ab.ca)

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Surname - Nom de famille	Reg. No. - Matr.	

Additional notes on reverse  
Notes supplémentaires au verso.

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11 PIC BIRMS

630 Thompsons  
Pistol

DECOSTE

Description

File Caption - Titre du d  
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Exhibit No.  
N° de pièce à conviction

EXHIBIT - PI

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J.C. (Jason) DECOSTE

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Cal?

③ Newstar Model 1985

Semi 15 500A

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② Mosberg Prod 3516

800 # 7711422

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1:50 Park in the water  
1:40 630 Thompsons Rifle

- (4) Codaq Model 60  
port motor 22 cal
- (5) ETKACA Model 37  
Pump 12 ga  
Serial #
- (6) Mossau Nalle 88  
12 ga Pump  
Serial # MV947915
- (7) Norbus  
20 #10 ga  
Pump motor  
Serial # K259345
- (8) Ruger 10/22  
22 cal. semi auto  
Serial # 119-12569
- (9) W Scope / M105  
Mossau 20 ga  
Pump motor  
Serial # U345687


(10) Bretha Nord AM-301  
Pump motor 10 ga.  
Serial # CS1781E

(11) Winchester Model 75  
22 cal. port auto  
Serial # 46435

1917 W. Moss / W. slings  
All firearms seized  
loaded in boat


1935 Transport to L'Anse  
port secured into  
3B135 for L

1941 Transport to Detrou  
secured high level  
detrou secure  
box


 Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
 Gendarmerie royale du Canada

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