

Airdrie, Alberta
May 13, 2015

MY FILE: 084

Ms. Suzanne Legault
The Information Commissioner of Canada
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Legault:

Re: "EXEMPTED IN ITS ENTIRETY" COMPLAINT - RCMP FILE: A-2014-05939

Please find attached the letter from the RCMP dated May 1, 2015 advising me that after more than eight months of waiting for a reply that I was supposed to receive within 30 days, that I won't be receiving any records. I have also attached a copy of my original ATIP request. Below is the timeline documenting the incompetence demonstrated in the processing of this ATIP request by the RCMP.

MY FILE 084 - RCMP - HIGH RIVER Crown counsel paper on "legal authorities"

Filed August 19, 2014 - RCMP FILE: A-2014-05939

Sept 29, 2014 - Letter advising of 60-day extension imposed

May 01, 2014 - Exempted in its entirety due to court proceedings

May 1, 2015 - RCMP response: "Please be advised the information requested in this file has been exempted in its entirety under section 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Act."

COMPLAINT FILED - May 13, 2015

While the RCMP left out an important section of the attached letter, I believe this total exemption is the also a result of court action referred to in my previous letter of complaint to you dated April 25, 2015 regarding RCMP File A-2013-05648. This court action referred to in the RCMP letter was filed on February 12, 2015. If the RCMP ATIP office had processed my request in anything resembling a reasonable timeframe, I would have had the information I requested. Something is very wrong in the RCMP ATIP office.

I look forward to receiving the results of your investigation. I'm very interested in proceeding with a section 41 hearing in the Federal Courts if you don't have any luck overturning this blanket exemption.

Thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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cc. Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety
Honourable Peter Mackay, Minister of Justice
Ian McPhail, Chair, Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP



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Mr. Dennis YOUNG
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*Received
8 MAY 2015
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on August 26, 2014, for:

SEE TEXT OF MY REQUEST ATTACHED

Please be advised the information requested in this file has been exempted in its entirety under section 16(1)(a)(ii) and no discretionary release has been considered. Upon conclusion of any court proceedings and appeal periods, you may reapply for access under the access to information process.

You have the right of complaint, per section 31 of the Act, which stipulates that a "complaint under this Act shall be made to the Information Commissioner in writing unless the Commissioner authorizes otherwise. If the complaint relates to a request by a person for access to a record, it shall be made within sixty (60) days after the day on which the person receives a notice of a refusal under section 7, is given access to all or part of the record or, in any other case, becomes aware that grounds for the complaint exist" at the following address:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Crystal Holub at 613-843-5216 or Crystal.Holub@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 084

Federal Government Institution:

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

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the attached e-mail exchange on June 25, 2013 between Bill Sweeney, Assistant Deputy Minister/Director of Law Enforcement, Public Security Division of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and Marianne Ryan, Assistant Commissioner, Office in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations regarding the "legal authorities" the RCMP were using for their forced entry into hundreds homes in High River, Alberta.

Please provide (1) A copy of the "legal authorities" . . . "paper from Crown counsel" referred to in the attached e-mail by Marianne Ryan that was prepared "to give out to our folks speaking to the media for their reference and confidence in speaking to this issue to the public"; (2) Copies of the materials provided to RCMP officers speaking to the media regarding the legal authorities for the forced entries and firearms seizures in High River; and, (3) Copies of all the follow-up communications responding to Bill Sweeney's question: "What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood stricken area?"

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: August 19, 2014