

Airdrie, Alberta
November 12, 2014

MY FILES: 083

Ms. Suzanne Legault
The Information Commissioner of Canada
Place de Ville, Tower B - 112 Kent Street, 7th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Legault:

Re: MISSING RECORDS COMPLAINT - RCMP FILE: A-2014-04557

Please find attached a copy of my original *Access to Information Act* request dated June 22, 2014 and the RCMP's pitiful two-page response dated October 30, 2014. Could the RCMP cover-up of the evidence of what actually happened in High River be any more obvious than demonstrated with this response?

The two-page RCMP response consists of just one e-mail dated July 7, 2013 while most High River residents were still being refused entry to their homes by RCMP roadblocks and spike belts. The RCMP could not have been receiving complaints on June 7, 2013 about the damage caused by the RCMP's forced entries into High River homes because the residents were not even being allowed back in their homes and therefore unable to see the damage let alone file complaints with the High River Detachment.

On September 5, 2013 at the Town Hall Meeting in High River, S/Sgt. Ian Shardlow, the NCO in charge of the High River Detachment stated: *"We started to collect the information, we basically solicited people to come forward with the complaints and the numbers are correct it's around 19 hundred, I'm going to suggest it will probably stop before two thousand."* Are we really supposed to believe that S/Sgt. Shardlow never wrote a report or letter documenting the content of these "complaints" he solicited from High River residents and that none of those 1,900+ complaints were about their doors being kicked in and the dollars it would cost owners to complete the repairs?

On September 15, 2014, the RCMP answered 37 Order Paper Questions in Parliament. The RCMP response to Q-540 (f) & (g) stated: *"A total of 4,666 residential and non-residential buildings were entered by the RCMP, during the searches. Of those, forced entry was required in 16 percent of these searches (754 occasions). RCMP records do not distinguish between residential and non-residential entries."* How did the RCMP HQ in Ottawa find out there were 754 entered by force in High River unless there were reports and correspondence submitted by RCMP in Alberta? Why didn't I at least receive copies of the "RCMP records" referred to in the RCMP's response tabled in Parliament?

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, Interim Chair, Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP



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OCT 30 2014

Mr. Dennis YOUNG
1330 Ravenswood Dr. SE
Airdrie, Alberta T4A 0P8

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on July 2, 2014, for:

Please provide copies of reports and correspondence submitted by High River Detachment to their superiors with respect to these damage claims and provide copies of a summary or list showing the number of homes damaged by the RCMP.

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Calgary, Alberta. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been exempted pursuant to subsection 19(1) of the *Act*, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

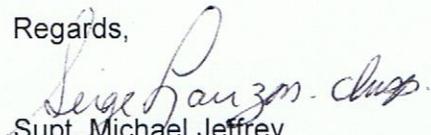
With regards to the application of subsection 19(1), please note that the provisions of subsection 19(2) have been considered and do not apply in this instance.

You have the right to file a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner with respect to the processing of your request. Should you wish to do so, please address your complaint to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Cpl. Sandra Weppler at 613-843-6901 or sandra.weppler@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,


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TASK ACTION# 2027

TASK00047 LIAISE: RCMP:: HIGH RIVER DETACHMENT

Author: NESS, Dave S/Sgt

Task Action: 2,027

Info for consideration with HR Planning.

Dave.

>>> Jim (Edmonton) STEWART 2013/07/07 1:37 PM >>>

Dave,

For your info.

Jim Stewart

Officer in Charge, "K" Division INSET

Integrated National Security

Enforcement Team

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Cell: [REDACTED]

>>> Kevin MORTON 2013/07/07 12:07 PM >>>

Sir,

You had created this team about a week ago to look into the complaints of damage resulting from the forced entry into homes by emergency responders. This group was very busy initially and the work was both appreciated by the community and seen by us as having great value at the detachment.

In order to continue to capitalize on the effectiveness of this program it is critical that some consistency be maintained. Ideally that would be done by retaining all the people involved for at least 10 days beyond the end of the current staffing cycle to continue with these duties. At the end of this period a review of the situation may determine that it can be scaled back. Since they have been getting about 100 files a day we currently have augmented the original 2 man team with a PROS designated member and 2 extra investigators this set.

The need for this team will be affected by the time it takes to finally drain the NE area and any breach of the berm currently protecting the "Sunshine" area. In fact the data collected to date may become critical in investigations of B & E later as well as any assessments for further damage if the berm should give way and homes are reentered by force in the future.

In order to maintain consistent data we have 2 members specifically responsible for the PROS side of this file. They are critical.
Cst. Sandy McPhee Reg 51146 of Lethbridge Federal Policing
Cst. Dave Cardoso Reg 49290 of Cochrane Det - set up the system

The team should consist of 1 PROS investigator and 2 scene investigators for each. Since they have been delivering a specific and consistent message and should be maintained. Teams are working 5 days on, 5 days off, 07:00 to 19:00 at this time. This will be adjusted later as people return to work and need evening contacts.

On days currently:

RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Cst. Chad BABIN
REG: 51832
Federal Policing South - Team 4 Calgary

Cst. Brent MISQUITA
Reg# 54307
Unit: ALERT PROBE TEAM

Cst. Yanick BOUCHER
REG: 53708
Lethbridge ITU
AOL July 08, 2013

Cst. Kim GRENIER
REG: 50250
Cold Lake GIS
Not available after July 10, 2013

Currently on days off:

Cst. Yannick Coulombe
Reg: 58782
Blackfalds Det

Cst. James Gallant
Reg: 6625
Red Deer Det

Darick Ramminger
Reg: 58746
Red Deer Det

Kevin Morton, S/Sgt
NCO i/c High River Detachment

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 083

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 damage claims filed by residents of High River following the RCMP's unwarranted search and seizure of homes after the flood on June 20, 2013. Reference is also being made to this statement made by S/Sgt. Ian Shardlow at the Town Hall Meeting in High River on September 5, 2013: "We started to collect the information, we basically solicited people to come forward with the complaints and the numbers are correct it's around 19 hundred, I'm going to suggest it will probably stop before two thousand."

Please provide copies of reports and correspondence submitted by High River Detachment to their superiors with respect to these damage claims and provide copies of a summary or list showing the number of houses damaged by the RCMP, repair estimates and actual repair costs submitted to the RCMP by homeowners, and the number of home owners reimbursed by the RCMP, the federal government, provincial government and/or municipal governments.

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

Cheque # 336

[Original signed by]

Signature: _____

Date: June 22, 2014