

RCMP ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT RESPONSE
NO RECORDS OF GUN REGISTRY BEING USED AS A "SHOPPING LIST"?

UNDATED RCMP RESPONSE RECEIVED OCT 11, 2011 RCMP FILE #: GA-3951-3-04011/11

WORDING OF ORIGINAL ATI REQUEST SUBMITTED TO RCMP (July 30, 2011):

Rumours persist that the Canadian Firearms Registry has been used as a "shopping list" by criminals wishing to steal firearms from licensed dealers and law-abiding gun owners. Please provide copies of reports, studies, investigations and correspondence that relate to the effectiveness of the safeguards protecting the private information of firearms owners and their guns and details of all confirmed breaches of these safeguards.

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Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Please be advised that we were unable to locate any information related to your request?

COMPLAINT TO INFORMATION COMMISSIONER – OCTOBER 15, 2011

Please find attached a copy of the undated response I received from the RCMP ATIP Coordinator Superintendent Yves Marineau that I received on October 11, 2011. I have also attached a copy of my original request dated July 30, 2011.

I wish to complain about the RCMP's no records response. They obviously didn't complete a very thorough search for the records requested. The four reasons I take this position are as follows:

(1) On the RCMP's own website under the section entitled: *Your Privacy and Access to Information for the Canadian Firearms Program - Unauthorized Access* it states: "Processes are in place to detect attempts at hacking into CFP computers and prevent access to personal information. The RCMP continually monitors network traffic on the CFP website for any possible attempts at unauthorized access. In addition, security procedures have been added to the website to enhance an already secure service."

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/atip-airpr-eng.htm#b>

MY COMMENT: If the RCMP has "processes in place to detect attempts at hacking in the CFP computers" then they must also produce reports identifying how many "attempts at hacking" have been made and to what extent these "attempts" were successful or unsuccessful. They must also have reports explaining why they needed to "enhance" the existing security procedures and reports showing how effective the "security procedures" they added have worked.

(2) On the website of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) there is a document entitled: *Top Ten Myths About the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP)* it states: *MYTH #10: The "gun registry" database has been breached over 300 times by hackers - our information isn't safe. FACT #10: Wrong. The CFP's national database has never been breached by hackers. Information is safe and secure.*

http://www.cacp.ca/media/library/download/926/CACP_Myths-draftA-ENG.pdf

MY COMMENT: How can the CACP state so emphatically that the "CFP national data base has never been breached by hackers" if they don't have a report from the RCMP proving this

to be a fact? There must be a letter to the Chiefs of Police from some official in the government with the supporting evidence proving this to be a "fact".

(3) On August 30, 2011, the RCMP confirmed, in response to one of my recent *Access to Information Act* requests, that there had in fact been 480 confirmed breaches of the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system between 1995 and 2010.

<http://www.nfa.ca/sites/default/files/RCMP-ATI-CPIC-Breaches.pdf>

MY COMMENT: The RCMP must have reports with respect to which of these breaches accessed private and personal information about firearms and their owners.

(4) Media reports in 2006 reported evidence of "hacking" of the Canadian Firearms Program computer system:

A one-stop e-shop for gun thieves by Lorne Gunter

National Post - Monday, March 20, 2006

<http://www.anticorruption.ca/forum/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=2923&sid=8c9b4769859c01a55a1e47c27fcd3763>

O.F.A.H. Media Release: OFAH File: 842 - March 8, 2006 - For Immediate Release

Is the gun registry an easy target for computer hackers?

"It took some \$15 million to develop and I broke it in about 30 minutes." - Former CFC webmaster

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/is-the-gun-registry-an-easy-target-for-computer-hackers-583504.htm>

MY COMMENT: The RCMP must have produced reports, audits, briefing notes for their superiors and possibly even the Minister of Public Safety in response to these media reports.

I respectfully request that you ask the RCMP to have a better look for the documents I requested.

NOTE: Anyone wanting copies of the original RCMP response to my Access to Information request please contact: Dennis R. Young: dhyoung@shaw.ca