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Staff Sergeant R.M. (Mike) Conn Curriculum Vitae

<u>Objective</u> To provide my Curriculum Vitae to the Pickton Inquiry

Relevant Service

April 6, 2011 Retired from the RCMP
December 28, 2005 Promoted to Staff Sergeant

March 2005 Received Team Commander Accreditation

September 9, 1999
October, 1993
October 5, 1975
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Promoted to Sergeant omoted to Corporal omoted to Constable

Sept 16, 1974 Civilian Member

Relevant Postings

December 2005 to present NCO i/c Major Crime Section - Surrey

Detachment

May 2003 to December 2005 Integrated Homicide Investigative Team -

Team Commander

2001 March to May 2003 NCO i/c Coquitlam Detachment - Major Crime

Section

1994 November to September 1999 Supervisor/Investigator - Coquitlam Major

Section

1993 October to November 1994 Supervisor/Investigator - Burnaby GIS

1884 October to October 1993 Investigator Langley - Serious Crime Section

1983 May to October 1984 Investigator Special "E" Section

1982 October to May 1983 "E" Division Contract Policing Under Cover Unit

1981 October to October 1982 Surrey Detachment - GIS 1979 October to October 1980 Surrey Detachment - GIS

Relevant Training

2007 February Kidnap Protocols Workshop

2006 September Team Commander Project Management

2006 February Incident Command (ICS) 100
2005 October Team Commander Work Shop

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Major Case Management Course
"E" Div. Homicide Investigator's Seminar
Police Supervisor's Course
Interviewing and Interrogation Course
Major Crime Course

Relevant Medals

1995 Presented the RCMP Long Service Medal (LSM)

2000 Presented Bronze Clasp (LSM)2005 Presented Silver Clasp (LSM)

2005 Present the Lieutenant Governor General's Silver Bar

2011 Presented Gold Clasp (LSM)

Relevant Awards

July 2007 Commanding Officer's Unit Certificate of Appreciation

- Homicide of Breanne VOTH

July 2008 Commanding Officers Certificate of Appreciation -

Homicide of Ryan Kam

October 2008 Lieutenant Governor General's Award of Meritorious

Service - Homicide of Ryan Kam

2006 - 2010 Numerous Officer in Charge (OIC) Awards - Surrey

Detachment - Unit Commendations

Related Experience and Duties

I will have completed thirty-six (36) of service with the Force. One (1) year as a Civilian Member and the other thirty—five (35) years as a regular member. My career has been extensive both location and duty. This has given me exposure to a variety of issues and to see them from many aspects. Although, I have spent a portion of my service in other Units nearly twenty three (23)—years have been spent in the e-investigation of Serious Crimes or Crimes Against people.

Having a good number of years in Serious Crime work at each rank I have had the opportunity to learn the requirements and issues of each position and rank. It has been a step by step learning proces s which also included learning by mistakes. I have demonstrated throughout my career that I have been able to capably handle those added responsibilities and in fact much look forward to them.

In 2004, I participat ed in the Team Commander Accreditation program and my accreditation was approved in April 2005 by the program oversight committee.

I have investigated, supervised and otherwis e partic ipated in a broad spectrum of Serious Criminal inve stigations and have, when appropriate, utilized the princip les of Major Case Management. I have also organized and been part of joint operations/investigations with other units and departments. Some of these have be en long term and have encompassed developing operational plans, undercover operations, wiretap, utilization of special units, surveillance and financial issues.

Since 1993 I have been an NCO and in a supervisory position of one sort or another.

I have also conducted a number of Internal Audi ts, at the request of the OIC, in relation to the operational side of policing at both Coquitlam and Surrey Detachment. These were done in an efficient, timely and thor ough manner. I am familiar with the Audit process and the need for them, to have substantive conclusions, identify remedies and to have a monitoring system in place

I have a modest understanding of how finances work within the Force. Having been the financial supervisor on several Under Cover operations and the like, I was required to firstly acquire the funds, such as RO580 from Division and supervise their expenditures. I was required to complete final report/analy sis of the expenditures to Division to satisfy their budgetary requirements. I have no to been involved in the Detachments RO580 funding except the spending of it. I would likely, however, require somewhat of a learning c urve in dealing with aspects of Unit final noting and perhaps some other administrative responsibilities.

Demonstrated Qualifications

As of December 2005, I became the NCO i/c Surrey Detachment Major Crimes Section in addition to administrative functions t I share with the line officer the duties of Team Commander of all investigations that come to our unit. The role of the team commander is to provide operational oversight to each investigation to ensure there is focus and continued investigation and it is done to the best of our ability. With respect to Homicides the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) are the that has conduct

of these files but our members, including myself, are responsible for the first response. In addition to homicides I have conduct of three(3) teams of Serious Crime Section members who are responsible for violent crimes against persons which inc attempted murders, aggravated assaults, ki dnapping(s), unlawful confinements, threats etc. I also over see our Robbery Section who have conduct of all financial institution robberies, corner stor e and gas station rob beries, street robber ies and hom e invasion robberies. As well, I supervi se our Morality Unit called the Child Abuse and Sexu al Offence Section (CASO). CASO assumes conduct of all sexual offence and child abuse files of c hildren twelve (12) years and under. As well, as all st ranger related sexual offences that occur to anybody of any age. I provide over sight to the Unsolve d Homicide Unit who's primary responsibility is the investigation of the seventy two(72) unsolved homicides that have occurred in the City of Surrey over the years. Lastly, I provide operational oversight with respect to our Criminal Intellig ence Section(CIS). CIS has the responsibility to collect and disseminate all things intelligence s it relates to criminal activity in the city of Surrey.

Since I have been the NCO i/c of Surrey De tachment Major Crimes Section (2005) there have been over ninety (90) homicides. Serious Crimes Section has investigated four hundred and sixt y seven (467) serious offices since 2005. Robbery Section has investigated three hundred and sixty three (363) files and CASO has investigated one thousand and four (1104) files.

The following are highlights of my investigations from 1981 - 2005

Homicides:

Anthony Wayne KLIMCHUK - Homicide of 05/HIT152521

On December 4, 200 5, KL IMCHUK was present at a lo cal "crack shack" in Ne w Westminster, British Columbia when a number of shots were fi red thru the patio do ors. Two shots struck KLIMCHUK who died some twenty four(24) hours after the incident. Integrated Homicide Investigation Team recognized that imminent death and detailed my team to investigate the incident. The investigation was proven, from the get go, difficult due to the drug culture. Witnesses were fearful of retaliation which was real in their minds. Investigators were able to the eardown these difficulties and we reable to surface possible sus pects and the investigation moved in that direction to prove or disprove the suspects involvement. I transferred several after this offence occurred and the my role was full filled by another Integrated Homicide Investigation Team member.

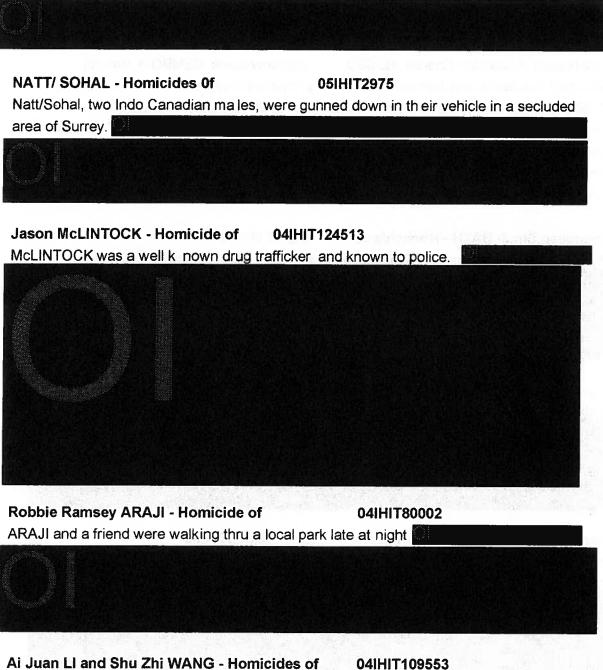
(Team Commander)

Walter PETERSON - Homicide of 05IHIT143161

On November 11, 2005, PETERSON was stabbed to death at his Surrey apartment. His common law wife, an apparent alcoho lic, appeared to have involv ement and was arrested at the crime scene. Investigation by Integrated Homicide Investigation Team revealed that her son, Orlando PASQUA was actually the person responsible for killing PETERSON. PASQUA, after several day s was loca ted arrested and admission wer e obtained. He was charged accord ingly and the matter is now before the courts. (Team Commander)

Jes KORMANAK - Homicide of 051H1T132488 On October 18, 2005 Jes KORMANAK called Surrey Detachment to say he had killed the c/n. I KORMANAK was arrested without incident. The suspect was interviewed where a confessi on was obtained. A Minor UCO, cell plant, was also initiated whereupon KORMANAK confessed to the operator. Additional scene evidence was secured. KORMANAK was formally charged with second degree murder and his case is now before the courts. (Team Commander) Ludmilla GECHTMAN - Homicide of 05IHIT109337 On August 28, 2005, GECHTMA N was in her Coquitlam home by her husband Eli LECHTMAN. However, she was able to good her escape and call for assistance from neighbours. LECHT MAN was arrested and admitted to the offence by attending G eneral Duty members. LECHTMAN was charged with second degree murder and attempted mur der and is now before the courts. (Team Commander) Charmaine MORRIS - Homicide of 05IHIT104092 On August 18, 2005, MORRIS was Surrev Detachment General Duty members arrived on scene and found the suspect, her nephew. Wayne Bar rington ROSE standing new the body ROSE was later interviewed whereupon he confessed to killing the c/n. ROSE was charged with seecond degree murder and is now before the courts. (Primary Investigator)

Roger BRIONES - Homicide of 05IHIT85269 BRIONES was murdered at his Burnaby hom e in July 2005.			
The investigation utilized members from several teams at IHT, a number of investigators from Burnaby MCS and target teams as			
well as, Spl. "I" and the UCO Team. A sus pect was identified, arrested and after a confession in which he confirmed sexual relations with BRIONES, was charged accordingly and is now before the courts. (Team Commander)			
Jason GARROW - Homicide of 05IHIT157848 GARROW was reported missing to Surrey Deta chment in December 2004. The in itial investigation was undertaken by General Duties and MCS and with the revelation some months lat er GARROW was murdered IHIT undertook the follow up investigation. Charles OVERALL was identified as a suspect and found to have killed the c/n as he			
GARROW confessed to the crime, turned ov er incriminating physical evidence and pointed out the location of his remains. Charles OVERALL was charged with first degree murder while his common law wife, Lorena WELLS was charged with being a n accessory after the fact. The case is before the courts. (Team Commander)			
Mark THROWER - Homicide of 05IHIT24980			
THROWER was on bail for first degree murder of Asian gangster Ray CHAN. Clearly THROWER's death was a professi onal killing.			
Ralph EHRKE - Homicide of 05IHIT13101			
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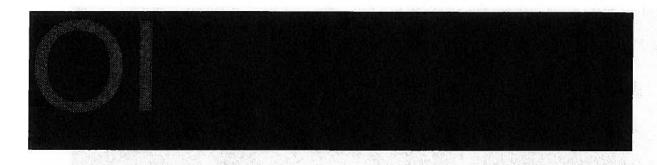
Al Juan LI and Shu Zhi WANG - Homicides of 04IHIT109553

A elderly mother and daughter were brutally murdered in their Richmond home. The investigation identified Yu Fang CHANG, as being res ponsible. Evidence was gathered and CHANG was charged with two counts of murder. He is now before the courts and awaiting trial. (Team Commander / Operations NCO)

Sui MA - Homicide of 04IHIT139889

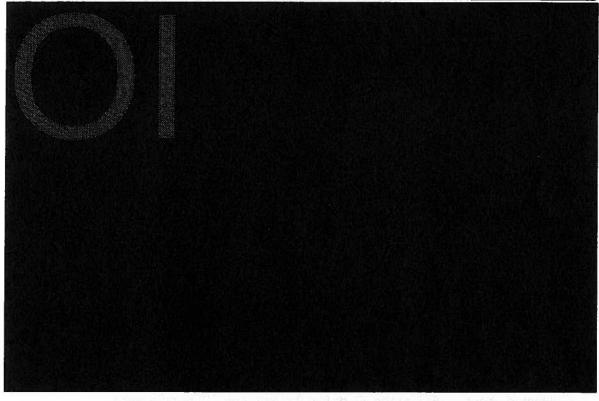
MA's remains were found stuffed in a suit case that was partially submerged in a slough in Richmond. A suspect, Charles KEMBO was developed. KEMBO is strongly suspected in a Vancouver homicide and the probable homicide of his wife, Margaret KEMBO who has disappeared under suspicious circumstances. It is apparent to investigators that MA was befriended by KEMBO in order to open a number of financial accounts that afforded his ongoing massive fraudulent activities. A UCO was initiated with a full Part V1 being entired into upon my departure from the investigation. (Team Commander / Operations NCO)

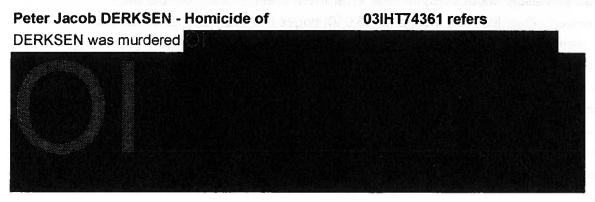
Amandeep Singh BATH - Homicide of 04IH BATH was gunned down in a residential area of Sur	IIT119697 rey. He died later of his injuries.
Bozema NEUMAN - Homicide of	04IHT105445
NEUMAN was gunned down in her Coquitlam res	idence
Sharon DIETRICH - Homicide of	04IHT77083
DIETRICH's remains were recovered from the Frase Royal Columbian Hospital revealed she had me	
Stanley SLOAN - Homicide of	04IHT46418 refers



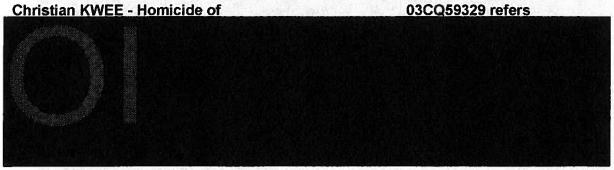
Gurinder Singh BATH - Homicide of 03IHT151326 refers

BATH was involved an internati onal drug trafficking organi zation.









Breanne VOTH - Homicide of

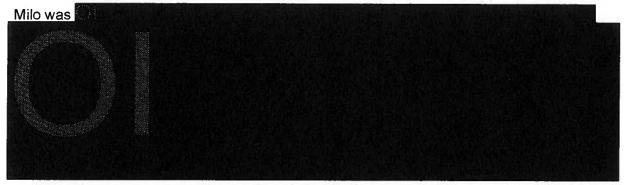
02CQ 34716 refers

VOTH, a 19 year old mentally challenged female, was walking to work in the early morning hours when she was abducted, raped and murdered. This investigation was intense and lasted about six(6) months. Over five thousand (5000) people were interviewed. Over forty five thousand (45,000) pages of investigational documents were generated. Several potential suspects were subject of Part VI investigations. Under Cover Operations were also utilized. In an effort to gather an investigational team that could assist in an investigation of the magnitude I identified to the Team Commander that further resources were needed. As such, members from Division and various Detachments assisted in a number of ways to advance the investigation. As the incoming results of members investigations was massive I also identified that traditional "box and paper" style reporting was not adequate. We hired an

individual to create a computer data base that would accommodate our investigational reporting and searching requirements. The latest techniques in investigations such as ViClas, Criminal and Geographic Profiling. Spl. "O" and Spl. "I" were constantly relied upon as was the Division Interrogation team and the services of the Div. Polygraph Section. The Crime Lab, already under pressure from Project -Evenhanded, was pressured further to accommodate our investigative needs. As the investigation was intense and rather long by Detachment standards, member health and safety issues were addressed when observed or required. Given the efforts of the Div. Lab, Derek Frederick POST was identified as the donor of our suspect DNA. He was also identified to suspect DNA on stranger rape offences in the LMD. POST was arrested and criminally charged in these matters. POST was convicted of first degree murder in October 2005. (Primary Investigator)

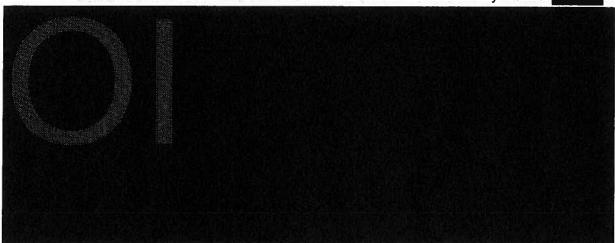
Milot MILO - Homicide of

02CQ39395 refers.



Crystal Peggy BAKER - Homicide of 02CQ17972 refers.

Baker was a sex trade worker who resided and was murdered in Burnaby Hotel.



Christopher LESNIAK - Homicide of 02CQ9682 refers

LESNIAK was shot and killed by a friend. The primary witnes s, a friend of both the deceased and the victim, was co- operative at the start of t he investigation but became un-cooperative during the court process. It was determined that she had been threatened and instructed not to te stify. The Investigative Team members worked with her and encouraged her to do the "right thing" and testify, which she did. At or about the same time the persons responsible for the threats were dealt with accordingly. The person responsible was charged and convicted. (Team Commander)

SWATSKY and WARRING - Homicides of 02CQ6974 refers

SWATSKY and WARING were two(2) well known st reet level cocaine traffickers in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. A customer, Anthony BAKK ER, brutally murdered both during a fronted "drug deal". BAKKER was subsequently a rrested, charged and convicted of both murders. (Team Commander)

Katherine MCCLENAGHAN - Homicide of 01CQ49254 refers

MCCLENAGHAN was murdered by her comm on law husband, Paul KENT . This was not a typical spousal related offence. KENT was accused of murdering both her parents two(2) years previously in Burnaby. KEN T was charged for their murders but the charges were "stayed". My investigative t eam was cognisant of th at at the onset and were determined not to allow this indiv idual to escape prosecution. Team members conducted a thorough ex amination with Forens ic Identification members ensuring they explored every detail of the crim e scene. This attention to det ail paid off greatly at trial. KENT was located by Vancouver City Polic e Department after an attempted suicide. I stressed to the members, involved in his transport, to ensure KENT was recorded at all times and to ensure KENT was aware he was being recorded. KENT did make statements that were consist ent with the crime scene. The investigative team shared information and inc luded Burnaby Major Crime investigat ors during our entire investigation, however, they were not able to secure the evidence they required to charge him with their offences. Kent wa s charged and convic ted for the Coquitlam offence. (Team Commander)

Ryan KAM - Homicide of

02CQ37827 refers

KAM was initially rep orted missing to Coq uitlam Detachment by his parents. KAM a multi pound cocaine trafficker, lived in Coquitlam. A careful review of the information by

my team members, particularly cell telep hone records and cell telephone sites, and statements from shady characters led unit members to the belief KAM had met with foul play. The six(6) mont h investigation that fo llowed utilized the Division U/C Team, Spl. "O", Spl. "I" and Part V1 was utilized during the entire invest igation. As a result, KAM's remains were recovered in a grave near Whis tler, British Columbia. A crime scene was located which contain ed valuable forensic evidenc e. Confessions from both the UCO and interviews by inv estigators were obtained from the parties re sponsible. Three(3) people were arrested and c harged. One of the accused plead guilty outright to accessory after the fact. One of the accused had his c harges "stayed" but given recent developments and f urther evidence agains t him Crown Counsel agree sufficient evidence now exists and they will re consider their position with the view of reinstating the charges against him. The last individual was c onvicted of first degree murder in May 2005. (Team Leader)

CAVASSINNI - Homicide of

02CQ01CQ32922 refers

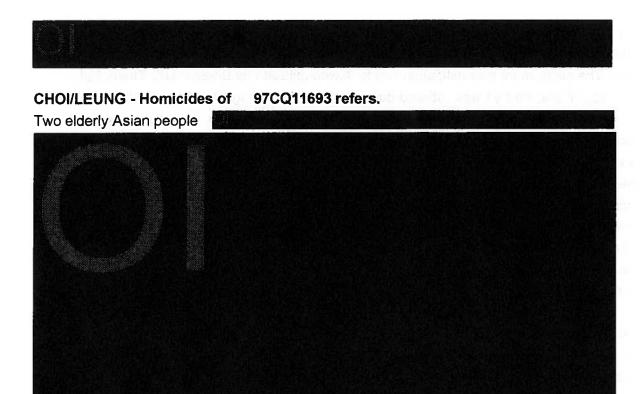
The victim was murdered by her—father who later took his own life. The Forensic examination played a crucial role in this—matter. Un—fortunately, the murder/suicide investigation was the easier part of the teams involvement with the file. For only reasons known to the remaining family they used the media in an attempt to criticise the police for their lack of action prior to the murder—s. The mother described an ongoing v—iolent past with her ex husband citing to the media a number of instances she called the police for assistance. She described was a lack of action taken and c—oncern by the police on previously reported violence within the family. I conducted a review of the files to which she referred to and found the members had acted responsibly. After which, I spoke with family members, the media and the situation was resolved. (Team Commander)

Cory HATTER - Homicide of

98CQ28734 refers

The victim was beaten to deat houtside a local licensed established. Two (2) males were charged and convicted in that matter. (Investigator)

Frances KU - Homicide of 9734319 refers Ku was m urdered in her residence.



Ross PATERSON - Homicide of 96CQ3902 refers

The victim was gunned down in a sec luded area of Port Coquitlam and buried in a shallow grave. When his remains were loc ated and identified it was learnt that he was having an affair with the wife of David PRINCE. Several interviews lat er a search warrant was obtained and the rifle used in the offence was located. Further examination of the rifle identified PATERSON's in the barrel of the rifle. David Prince was charged and he plead guilty to First Degree murder. (Primary Investigator)

Jason DION - Homicide of

95CQ13179 refers

Dion was beaten to death by a "swarming" of individuals. The persons responsible were charged and convicted. (Investigator)

Angela RICHARDS - Homicide of

92LLY1765 refers

Richards was beaten and an attempt was made to sexually assault her. The suspect completely cleaned the crime scene of any in criminating evidence. The investigation was protracted well over a year's time. It was evident she was murdered by her next

door neighbour. The neighbour was a known and vicious sex offender. An Informant of mine came forward with information that eventually le to his arrest. After his arrest a "jail house witness came forward and provided a very detailed st atement in which he provided details of the offence. The statement was so detail ed that he either read in a police report or the det ails were told to him by the a ccused. Given the nature of the evidence it was important that he become a witness in court. As he was a jail house witness and his testimony was not readily accepted I investigated his statement and was able to corroborate most portions of it. As such, he testimony was accepted by the courts as reliable. During the course of the investigation, I also handled two(2) other informants who turned witness es for the Crown. During the trail, after a number of weeks of evidence being heard, evidence of a senior member caused a mis trial. I was able to convince Crown Counsel and later the Defence Counsel that best interests fro all may be that the accused elect to be tr ided by Judge alone. This suggestion was adopted by all and the trial continued. Als othere was some concern of the actions of previous defence counsel. The actions were considered as a possible criminal act and I entered into an inves tigation into this matter. The evidence I discovered during my probe into the lawyer's actions allowed for a vigorous cross examination of him. Later the trial judge ruled the evidence of the lawyer suspect. Also, I was required to provide evidence in an Abuse of Process hearing within the trial. The application was unsuccessful and the trial proceeded. The a ccused, was convicted of sec ond degree murder. (Investigator)

Keith SANDQUIST - Homicide of

91CQ1820 refers

Sandquist was a known marijuana drug dealer

Nancy Jane BOB - Homicide of

90LLY19952 refers

Bob was an Vancouv er East Side sex trade worker who was driv en to Langley, British Columbia and murdered by T revor Peters. The investigation led to Peters being charged for this homicide. Additionally, he was char ged with f our(4) other attempted murders of sex trade workers all of whom were left for dead along the 401 Highway. He was also charged with the attempted murder of a female Surrey Hitchhiker and with the attempted murder of a woman that occurred in the late 1970's. Peters was convicted in all offences and is presently serving a li fe sentence for the murder. He was also designated a Dangerous Offen der for others.

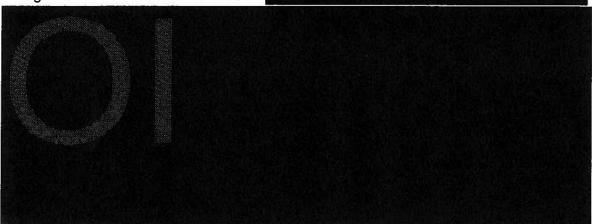


was under the microscope by Div ision and the media. As a result, I had the assistance of various Divis ion Sections, Detachment Major Crime Sections and outside Agencies. Soon into the investigation PETERS was identified as the last person to be with BO B and as a result of an intense investigat ion enough evidence was gathered in a short period of time to allow for charges and subs equent convictions of first degree murder. (Primary Investigator and File Coordinator)

Kulwant PUNGHLAI - Homicide of



Punghlia was murdered while at work.



Deborah EALEY - Homicide of 88LLY16409 refers

The victim was stabbed to death and the culprit was charged and convicted accordingly. During the scene examination I worked c losely with the Force's first blood splatter expert. The science was relatively new but a thor ough examination of the crime scene paid off in court. The suspect, who never made any admissions, testified in court and said she acted in self defence. The blood splatter evidence showed without a doubt she was lying and as a result she was convicted. (Investigator)

Albert GALENZOWSKI - Homicide of 1981?

Victim was shot while trying to break into his ex-girlfriends residence. She was charged and convicted accordingly. (Investigator)

Attempted Murder/Aggravated Assault/Weapon:

I have inv estigated numerous files of this nat ure. My position was either that of the Team Commander, Primary Investigator, File Coordinator or Investigator.

Financial Institution Robberies

I have investigated well in exce ss of seventy-five(75) Bank Robberies and assisted in many more investigations during my career. Almost all were committed by suspects who ranged all over the Lower Mainland committing other offences. As such investigators from every effected jurisdiction would work together in an effort to identify and charge these individuals. I estimate over 95% of these cases were concluded with criminal charges and almost all were met with convictions.

Sexual Assaults

During my career I have investigation in excess of five hundred (500) Sexual Assaults. These offences included, to use the vernac ular "stranger rapes", historical sexual assaults and child related offences. A number of these offences were high profile in nature. Stanger Sexual Assault offences were the hardest to solve and often utilized a number of investigative techniques in including but not limited to working closely with other police jurisdictions, criminal profilers, ViClas etc.

Kidnapping/Abduction

I have been involved in a number of abductions, forcible confinements/ ransom demand kidnapping(s). These investigation are an example of task driven and often utilized a number of personnel and police techniques. Often other police jurisdiction and support units were utilized to successfully recover the hostage and evidence.

Police Involved Shootings

As a senior plainc lothes NCO I was task ed with the investigat ion of a number of investigations wherein a c ivilian was shot to deat h durin g t he course of a police investigation, commo nly referred to as a person who died in police custody. All investigations were conducted a balanced and fair manner. In the end police reports were prepared and forwarded to the Province s Coroner's Office and the designated RCMP Independent Reviewing Officer.

(R.M. CONNOR) Staff Sergeant #32906 (r'td) NCO i/c Major Crime Section

Surrey Detachment