

Superintendent Hall Witness Brief

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RIC HALL

1 Vancouver BC

2 06 July 2011

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4 JENNIFER EVANS: So, today is July 6th, 2011, and it is 10 a.m.

5 and we are in the office of the boardroom of the
6 Missing Women Commission of Inquiry at 808 Nelson
7 Street, Suite 1402. And I am Jennifer Evans,
8 Deputy Chief with Peel Regional Police; and I have
9 with me Detective Sergeant Heather Ramore, Peel
10 Regional Police; and retired Superintendent Ric
11 Hall from the RCMP; as well as two members from
12 the Department of Justice, Andrew Majawa and Irene
13 Klimos.

14 MS. KLIMOS: That's right.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Good morning, Ric. How are you today?

16 RIC HALL: I'm fine.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: I, I appreciate that the most of the questions
18 that we are going to be asking you about is from a
19 very, very long time ago, 1998, 1999. Uhm, Robert
20 Pickton gets arrested, as you know, on February
21 5th, 2002. So, over the course of those periods
22 of time, I'm going to -- I have several questions.

23 And like I said before I turned the tapes on,
24 at any time you need to take a break, please let
25 me know. And if there's any time you don't

RIC HALL

1 understand the question or you have no answer for
2 the question, because some -- I mean, I have
3 created a lot of these questions thinking that you
4 may have had involvement, but at some point, you
5 may say, "No, I wasn't involved in that meeting,
6 so I've had no knowledge of it," so.

7 RIC HALL: Understood.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Maybe we can just, maybe you can take us
9 through, we can start out by you telling me a bit
10 about your background. I noticed you started with
11 the RCMP in 1965?

12 RIC HALL: That's correct.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Maybe you can tell me about your career path.

14 RIC HALL: Well, I left training in 1965 and went to
15 northern Alberta, and I bounced around northern
16 Alberta doing general duty police work, highway
patrol, municipal policing. Small towns.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

18 RIC HALL: And from there I went back to Regina as an
19 instructor for three years.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

21 RIC HALL: After my three years in Depot, I returned to
22 Alberta, went to a place called Stony Plain, which
23 is on the outskirts of Edmonton. Spent a couple
of years there. Then I moved into "K" Division,
or Alberta headquarters.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 RIC HALL: Sorry if I use RCMP things.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: No, that's all right. I am getting used to
2 the terms, so.

3 RIC HALL: Spent some sometime in the headquarters there,
4 and then I moved out as a detachment commander to
a place called "Vermillion".

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

6 RIC HALL: Uhm, from there, I was commissioned to the
7 rank of inspector. Went to Ottawa, spent three
years in Ottawa.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Wow.

9 RIC HALL: And then from Ottawa, I went to Surrey
10 Detachment, spent five years there as the
operations officer.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 RIC HALL: From there, I went to Prince George Detachment
13 and spent four years there as the officer in
charge of Prince George.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Hmm.

15 RIC HALL: And then I moved down to Coquitlam Detachment
16 and I did my last six years at Coquitlam.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And I understand you retired in 2005.

18 RIC HALL: Yeah, I actually stopped working in October
19 2004 and my retirement date was July of 2005.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. Okay, excellent.

21 RIC HALL: In between a whole bunch of different
22 adventures.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, seems to be. As I say, it's a lot of
24 travelling around, a lot of exposure to different
25 commands though. That's a great opportunity.

RIC HALL

1 Can I just get your badge number for the
2 record as well, too? Do you remember your --
3 RIC HALL: Ah --
4 JENNIFER EVANS: Is it regimental number? Is that what they
5 call them?
6 RIC HALL: Well, I have two --
7 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh.
8 RIC HALL: -- two numbers.
9 JENNIFER EVANS: That's right.
10 RIC HALL: I have a regimental number, which was 24394.
11 JENNIFER EVANS: 24394.
12 RIC HALL: And then when you get commissioned, you get an
13 officer number, and my officer number is 0.1330.
14 JENNIFER EVANS: I just learned that yesterday, that I didn't
15 realize the RCMP did that, so. Interesting.
16 So, when you were in the Coquitlam
17 Detachment, what is your area of command at that
18 point? Like, when did you get to Coquitlam again?
19 What year did you go?
20 RIC HALL: May of '98.
21 JENNIFER EVANS: May of '98? Okay. Okay. And what -- how
22 many people were there? Do you remember how many
23 people were there under your command at that time?
24 RIC HALL: I want to say about 170 at that time.
25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And --

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1 RIC HALL: I could be off there a little.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: And that included civilians as well?

3 RIC HALL: No, there is municipal employees on top of
4 that.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. And how many civilian employees
6 would you have?

7 RIC HALL: Oh, well, we have full time and part time and,
8 I, I'm guessing the number back then. It was
9 probably close to a hundred with part-time
people --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

11 RIC HALL: -- coming in for relief and --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: And you are all working out of the one
13 building?

14 RIC HALL: Yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 RIC HALL: Oh, we had little suboffices too.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, you did?

18 RIC HALL: Yeah.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Is it like community stations --

20 RIC HALL: Yes.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or were they just suboffices for --

22 RIC HALL: Yeah, community --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: -- people to --

24 RIC HALL: Community stations.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: And do people work permanently out of the

RIC HALL

1 community station then?

2 RIC HALL: They did, yes.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

4 RIC HALL: I don't know what the status is now.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, as of May of 1998, you get

6 transferred into, as a detachment commander; is

7 that the term?

8 RIC HALL: Yes, that's correct.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: And what experience did you have with regards

10 to -- I know you have mentioned your career, but

11 what experience or exposure did you have as a

12 criminal investigator throughout your career?

13 RIC HALL: I would say I'm not an ace criminal

14 investigator.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

16 RIC HALL: As I worked my way through, I was -- the

17 ranks, I was more involved with incident

18 commanders --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 RIC HALL: -- incident command, with emergency response

21 teams, team leader. And when I got commissioned,

22 I became incident commander.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

24 RIC HALL: And eventually the RCMP, along with municipal

25 departments across the country, started a program

called "national incident commanders".

JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

RIC HALL: And I was one of the RCMP's national incident

commanders.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. So, it was more of a -- your
2 exposure to criminal investigations would have
3 been from the uniform patrol, which I understand,
4 from the RCMP actually, you do usually, actually,
5 you are not just as a uniform response. You
6 actually then do the investigation --

7 RIC HALL: Yeah, as --

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- as well, right?

9 RIC HALL: -- soon as you, as you progress through the
10 ranks, as a sergeant in charge of a small town in
Alberta, I would not be really an investigator.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 RIC HALL: Most -- any investigations I usually got
13 involved in were probably complaints against
police officers.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Hmm. So, did you have any training
15 with regards to, like, the general investigative
16 technique course or the criminal --

17 RIC HALL: No.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- investigation courses?

19 Did you ever receive any training on the
20 major case management?

21 RIC HALL: No.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, homicide courses?

23 RIC HALL: No.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, interview interrogation?

25 RIC HALL: No.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you ever receive any training on sex trade
2 workers?
3 RIC HALL: No.
4 JENNIFER EVANS: And confidential informants and agents?
5 RIC HALL: Yeah, we just learned on the fly.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
7 RIC HALL: Yeah.
8 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, and any information -- or did you ever
9 have any exposure, working in any units in your
10 career, have exposure to working with sex trade
11 workers, that you would be able to develop an idea
12 of their lifestyle or their habits or --
13 RIC HALL: Pretty limited, and I think it would be safe
14 to say, in my, probably first involvement would
15 have been when I was C operations officer at
Surrey Detachment.
16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
17 RIC HALL: Because, at that time, SkyTrain crossed the
18 river into Surrey.
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.
20 RIC HALL: And once the SkyTrain crossed into Surrey, we
21 started having an issue with prostitutes coming
from Vancouver to work the King George Highway.
22 JENNIFER EVANS: So, the SkyTrain provided them mobility --
23 RIC HALL: Yes.
24 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and access to become transient? I mean,
25 they moved around then?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Yes.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And when did the SkyTrain open up?

3 That's a good test of your knowledge.

4 RIC HALL: Uh, '90 or '91, somewhere in there.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, did you ever receive any formal training

6 in relation to missing person investigations?

7 RIC HALL: No.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: And how would you describe the opportunities

9 for training in Coquitlam back in the '90s, or

10 Surrey, when you were there? Like, were your

11 officers being -- or did you have enough budget to

12 send officers for training?

13 RIC HALL: Uhm, thinking back to that timeframe, most of

14 the -- if we sent people on training, it was

usually the cost was absorbed by the division.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

16 RIC HALL: "E" Division.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

18 RIC HALL: And somewhere along the line, then everyone

19 became responsible for their own budgets, and if

20 we were sending people on training, it would

become our responsibility for all the expenses.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Originally it was a provincial, the "E"

22 Division would be, would have the --

23 RIC HALL: Yeah, training would, would pick up the cost

24 if we were sending somebody on the training --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: And then would you select or how would you

RIC HALL

1 get, you know, people from Coquitlam versus Surrey
2 to get -- you know, did you end up trying to -- it
3 was a best guess as to who was going to get
4 training opportunities?

5 RIC HALL: Normally what would happen is the training
6 branch would send something out saying, "We have X
7 number of positions. Coquitlam, you have one."

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

9 RIC HALL: "Surrey, you have five."

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

11 RIC HALL: "Maple Ridge, you might get one."

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And I understand in British Columbia,
13 that there is no advocacy standard for training in
14 the fact that, before I can investigate a sexual
15 assault or a homicide, there is no need or a
16 necessity --

17 RIC HALL: That's right.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- for me to have a course to do that.

19 RIC HALL: That's right.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: So, for the most part, how were officers --
21 how do they learn to investigate these cases
22 properly?

23 RIC HALL: On the job.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

25 RIC HALL: Working with others. Being mentored by
 others.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 RIC HALL: Certainly now that has changed an awful
3 lot, --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 RIC HALL: -- you know, where we do have people that are
6 sent for a particular training course if it's job
related.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. But back then, it wasn't necessarily
8 the case, eh?

9 RIC HALL: No. Having training, anytime there was
10 cutbacks, training is the first thing to get cut
back.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Cut back?

12 RIC HALL: Yeah.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And were you familiar with the policy
14 and procedures back then with regards to the
15 missing persons reports and how long a person had
16 to be -- how long they had to be missing before --

17 RIC HALL: Oh, I would be guessing.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: You would be guessing at that. Okay.

19 Uhm, and did you ever have any exposure to --

20 like, how long would a person have to be missing
21 before the RCMP would declare, "Okay, this is a
22 foul play suspected, so we're now considering this
23 to be a criminal investigation as opposed to just
24 a missing person investigation"?

25 RIC HALL: I think, looking back over the years, there
were times when missing people, those files just

RIC HALL

1 kind of got put on the back burner, you know.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

3 RIC HALL: We put them on CPIC and wait for them to turn
4 up.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

6 RIC HALL: And over the course of the years, those
7 policies have changed.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

9 RIC HALL: Because the RCMP, and other police departments
10 I am sure, know that they have to follow up on
11 these things --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

13 RIC HALL: -- as opposed to just creating a file and
14 filing it away.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, it's interesting you say that, because
16 in a memo dated, and you wouldn't have seen this
17 memo, in April of 1999, Sergeant Field, Geramy
18 Field from the Vancouver Police, writes a memo to
19 her Police Services Board and suggests in this
20 memo, that says, or states in the memo, that:
21 Vancouver is the only police agency across
22 Canada that actually has a designated missing
23 persons unit. For the most part, police
24 agencies put up a missing person on CPIC and
25 don't do any investigation.

 Would you say that's an accurate portrayal?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Back then? Yes.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Back then?

3 RIC HALL: Yes.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: By the RCMP?

5 RIC HALL: (No verbal response)

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And why is that?

7 RIC HALL: I don't know. I think it, over the course of
8 the years, it just became sort of the custom of
9 how people did business, and unless there was
something very significant about that person that
went missing, --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

11 RIC HALL: -- you know, the word "chronic" --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes, the runaways and all that.

13 RIC HALL: -- "missing" comes out. Yes, that would be
14 thrown out many times and, of course, now we can't
treat chronic runaways --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

16 RIC HALL: -- as a chronic. You have to look into it.
17 You have to follow up on it. So, I guess, over
the years, we just learned from our past mistakes.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Because even back in the '90s, and it
19 has been going on, from what I understand, quite a
20 lot in British Columbia, that women were going
21 missing for quite some time. Family members were
22 saying "Hey, you know, I haven't heard from my
23 daughter in a long time and she usually calls,"
24 and they just kind of vanished. There was no
25 impetus by the RCMP to say, "Okay, we actually

RIC HALL

1 better start looking at this because there seems
2 to be an increase of this going on"?
3 RIC HALL: I can't speak globally for the RCMP.
4 JENNIFER EVANS: What about in the Lower Mainland, or have
5 these -- did you ever go to these regional
6 operating police committees, the ROPC meetings?
7 RIC HALL: No, that was for the operations officers --
8 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.
9 RIC HALL: -- of the various units, municipal departments
10 and the RCMP --
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
12 RIC HALL: -- from the bigger detachments in the Lower
13 Mainland. Uhm, as a detachment commander, I would
14 be attending the, uhm, BC chiefs of police
15 meetings.
16 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. So, was that ever a topic of
17 concern about missing women at those meetings,
18 back then in the '90s, late '90s, early 2000?
19 RIC HALL: I'm trying to differentiate from what I know
20 now --
21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.
22 RIC HALL: -- as opposed to what I knew --
23 JENNIFER EVANS: And I know that's hard, --
24 RIC HALL: -- at the time.
25 JENNIFER EVANS: -- right?
26 RIC HALL: Yeah. Uhm, I can't say that it was a, really,
27 a major topic at any meetings that I have

RIC HALL

1 attended.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

3 RIC HALL: And the, like, I listened to Peter Warren on
4 CKNW when he was doing his stuff; Kim Bolan, when
 she was writing her stuff in the paper.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

6 RIC HALL: So, I would read all that.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

8 RIC HALL: And I'm thinking, "That's not in my area."

9 JENNIFER EVANS: That's right. So, it wasn't your issue?

10 RIC HALL: Well, it dealt with the Downtown Eastside.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

12 RIC HALL: Yes.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: So, a Vancouver City issue?

14 RIC HALL: Yes, yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. There seems to have been some sort of
16 confusion, and I think it exists at some point
17 still today, that if I am living in Coquitlam but
18 I go missing in Downtown Eastside, my mother tries
19 to phone into the Coquitlam Detachment and, you
20 know, and then I say, "but I think my daughter
21 went down to the, you know, Downtown Eastside,"
22 who is responsible then to take the report? There
23 seems to be some confusion as in who is
24 responsible to take the report and then to follow
25 up on the investigation. Did you find that that

RIC HALL

1 was occurring?

2 RIC HALL: If it, if it happened, if the person lived in
3 Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam, --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Right, hm-hmm.

5 RIC HALL: -- whichever responsible, --

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

7 RIC HALL: -- it would be the detachment's
8 responsibility.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Even if they went missing in the
10 Downtown Eastside?

11 RIC HALL: Yes.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: It would. Okay. So, the RCMP --

13 RIC HALL: It should, it should have been.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. They would put them on, on the CPIC
15 and --

16 RIC HALL: Yes.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- then they would maintain the file?

18 RIC HALL: Yes.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: You know, send out CPIC messages to Vancouver
20 and to be on the lookout for and --

21 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Do you know, is there any way that you can
23 think of how we could streamline this, how we
24 could make it better, that people aren't being --
25 I mean, I'm looking at all the files and it seems

RIC HALL

1 to be that there are several times that family
2 members, or people who are trying to make a
3 complaint that they're missing, you know, their
4 loved one is missing, that they're being
5 redirected to different police services, as
6 opposed to saying, "Okay, I will take the report
7 and I'll pass this on."
8 RIC HALL: And it probably did happen --
9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.
10 RIC HALL: -- in some cases.
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.
12 RIC HALL: You know, it's, "Well, get ahold of Vancouver
13 because they're the ones that are dealing with,
 with the people downtown."
14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.
15 RIC HALL: You know. But still, the responsibility of,
16 if you're living in Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam
 and come to the detachment and say, "My daughter
17 or son is missing and I think they're in the
 Downtown Eastside," --
18 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.
19 RIC HALL: -- it's still their responsibility or --
20 JENNIFER EVANS: To take --
21 RIC HALL: -- our responsibility --
22 JENNIFER EVANS: To take that report?
23 RIC HALL: -- to generate that report.
24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay, I know there was --
25 RIC HALL: And like -- I'm sorry.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Sorry. No, please.

2 RIC HALL: Certain, some units now have a Missing Persons
3 Unit.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 RIC HALL: So, you know, they would be the ones that
6 would probably follow up further on it.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. In the RCMP, there is Missing Person
8 Units now as well?

9 RIC HALL: Yes, yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I --

11 RIC HALL: And I am talking Surrey, because that's where
12 I am working right now.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

14 RIC HALL: But like Surrey Detachment, has their own
15 Missing Persons Unit.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, are you still working part time for
17 the RCMP or --

18 RIC HALL: Full time.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: On contract?

20 RIC HALL: On contract, yes.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. I didn't realize that. So, what do
22 you do now on contract for them?

23 RIC HALL: I work with all the new members that come out
24 of training.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: So, we get them through their first six
2 months, their probationary period.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: So you are in the training bureau, too?

4 RIC HALL: Yes.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: So, when they come back from Depot, then they
6 go to you for training, do they?

7 RIC HALL: Yes, we set them all up. We assign them a
8 coach and we monitor, mentor their progress for
their first six months.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. So, right now, currently then, are
10 there any instructions or information that is
11 being passed onto the new members of the RCMP
12 about missing person investigations?

13 RIC HALL: Yes.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: And who, who does that training?

15 RIC HALL: The Missing Persons Unit.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: So, they come in and would do a presentation,
17 in-class presentation then?

18 RIC HALL: At Surrey Detachment, what we do is we -- when
19 -- for the past three years we've had, on average,
46 to 48 new members on the books --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

21 RIC HALL: -- in their first six months. Now, it's been
22 cut back drastically with Depot slowing down. So,
23 when we were really busy, we would put on every --
four times a year, a two-week, in-service training
course for our new members.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

25 RIC HALL: And it's all geared to what they should know
as a new member working on the streets of Surrey.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes. The latest topics of --
2 RIC HALL: Yes, and --
3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- priority and --
4 RIC HALL: And one of the sessions that we give them is
5 from the Missing Persons Unit.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. I'll have to fast find out if I
7 will be able to get a copy of the training that's
8 provided that's ongoing right now. So,
9 currently --
10 RIC HALL: That's --
11 JENNIFER EVANS: -- (inaudible) doing that?
12 RIC HALL: That's strictly a Surrey thing.
13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
14 RIC HALL: It's not a --
15 JENNIFER EVANS: Provincial --
16 RIC HALL: Yeah --
17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or a national --
18 MR. MAJAWA: Yeah, we'll have to look into that.
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
20 RIC HALL: And it's not a provincial or --
21 JENNIFER EVANS: That would be interesting to see though. So,
22 okay.
23 I know there was a summit two years ago that
24 made suggestions that maybe the missing person
25 investigations maybe would be best handled in

RIC HALL

1 Lower Mainland BC, file, like, a 1-800 number.
2 So, I would call the 1-800 number and that way the
3 report gets taken by the one call centre and then
4 gets put on CPIC, --
5 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and then gets distributed to the police
7 agency that would be responsible. What are your
8 thoughts on that sort of a recommendation? It
9 wasn't from me. This is from some summit several
10 years ago.
11 RIC HALL: It sounds like a good plan.
12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Meaning it would work?
13 RIC HALL: Uhm, if it was structured properly, yes.
14 JENNIFER EVANS: And how do you feel the communication is
15 between the various police agencies in Lower
16 Mainland, BC?
17 RIC HALL: Well, within the RCMP, it's, it's fine, as far
18 as I am concerned.
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
20 RIC HALL: I'm not working at the top end any longer --
21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.
22 RIC HALL: -- but, you know, even when I was working down
23 here in the Lower Mainland, like, if there's
24 anything that is going on within the RCMP, you
just pick up the phone and you can call your
neighbouring detachment --
25 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

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1 RIC HALL: -- commander or somebody, --

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

3 RIC HALL: -- if you have to.
4 Uhm, there has always been a little bit of a
rub there between Vancouver and the RCMP.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 RIC HALL: I think that just goes back in time, and
7 there's always, I think there's always been sort
of the view of, you know, the guys in the red, the
8 big red machine, --

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

10 RIC HALL: -- you know, they have got all the money and
11 want to stick their noses into our business.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

13 RIC HALL: Yes. But on a personal level, you know,
14 attending BC chiefs of police meetings, I always,
I thought, had a good relationship with the
15 municipal departments.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

17 RIC HALL: Because they all attended.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

19 RIC HALL: Yeah.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, who was your main contact? If you
21 were the, in charge of the Coquitlam Detachment,
22 and you wanted something from Vancouver, who would
23 you call? Who, who would be your call?

24 RIC HALL: Vancouver Police?

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. Would you call the chief or the deputy

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1 or the inspectors or the superintendents or --

2 RIC HALL: Depending on what it was. But I will tell
3 you, I can't even remember calling the Vancouver
4 on anything.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, you never did?

6 RIC HALL: No. Not really.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: I can't think of a -- I know they would attend
9 some of those, the regional operations officers --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

11 RIC HALL: -- meetings.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Earl Moulton mentioned those --

13 RIC HALL: Yeah.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- yesterday.

15 RIC HALL: And they were always bounced around the
16 different --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Jurisdictions?

18 RIC HALL: -- jurisdictions when they had their
19 meetings. And oftentimes, you know, just stopping
20 and chatting with the guys if they had any -- but
21 there was never anything where they would come up
22 and raise a concern with us or vice versa.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, how often would you meet with this
24 group from the chiefs of police? How often did
25 that committee --

26 RIC HALL: Four times a year.

27 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Now, is that a forum that -- someone
28 has suggested that what we need here in BC is a

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1 quorum of some sort, or a format that's similar to
2 what a joint management team would be, that
3 someone could go and present a policing issue to
4 this group, this body of senior leaders, police
5 leaders, and then say, "This is the problem we
6 have going on." So, say, it's the missing women
7 issue. "This is an issue, this is what our
8 analysis is saying, and we need to invest in
9 resources. We need to get a JFO." Is that the
10 community, that you used to go to, would that be a
11 good forum for someone, like, an investigator to
12 go and make a pitch to say, "Hey, we need to do a
13 JFO" --

14 RIC HALL: Sure, and it happened.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: And it did happen?

16 RIC HALL: Sure.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: And what were the -- do you recall any of the
18 cases, the instances? Now I'm really testing your
19 memory.

20 RIC HALL: Yeah. Normally what it would be is some -- a
21 presenter would come in and say, "This is what
22 we're focusing on and this is our plan, this is
23 where we want to go." Then it would go back.
24 Because of the structure of the RCMP, usually our
25 senior management would get involved, and then the
direction would come down and say, "Okay, we're
going to support this and everybody is going to
kick in a couple of bodies to work on this,"
whatever the project may be.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. So, is this what happened when Project
2 Evenhanded eventually started in the year late
3 2000, early 2001?
4 RIC HALL: I can't say.
5 JENNIFER EVANS: You can't say?
6 RIC HALL: I don't know what was said or done at the top
7 end.
8 JENNIFER EVANS: To what -- how, how that got kick started?
9 RIC HALL: Yeah, yeah.
10 JENNIFER EVANS: And back in the '90s, the late '90s, the early
11 2000s I think it was, there was issues going on
12 with home invasions going on in the City of
13 Vancouver. Do you recall that? And I believe
14 there was an integrated task force created for the
15 home invasion team. Uhm, were you ever aware of
16 that, or was the RCMP or any of your members
17 involved in any of that?
18 RIC HALL: I, I don't recall us being involved in that.
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay. So, traditionally what would --
20 what's the forum or the format that I would have
21 to use if I was an investigator and I wanted to
22 recommend to you, as my boss, that, "Hey, I would
23 like a JFO. I would like to work together with
24 Vancouver on a JFO." Did that --
25 RIC HALL: Again, depending on what it is, --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

2 RIC HALL: -- if it seemed reasonable and it was the way
3 to go, we would -- probably in Coquitlam's case,
4 my operations officer would probably deal with one
of the operations officers of the Vancouver, if
that was the way it's going to be.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

6 RIC HALL: And if it had far-reaching ramifications
7 outside of Coquitlam and Vancouver, but it
8 affected Surrey's and Richmond's and North
9 Vancouver, that would go to division headquarters.
At that time, we didn't have what is now called
the "Lower Mainland district" --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

11 RIC HALL: -- commander. So, it probably would have gone
12 to "E" Division headquarters to get their sanction
and, and if we need money.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: And "E" Division headquarters is in Surrey,
14 was it?

15 RIC HALL: Vancouver.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Vancouver. Okay. Uhm, so, was there a
17 certain seniority level or, you know, rank level
18 that needed to be of the approval for the JFO, for
19 a JFO?

20 RIC HALL: Yeah, it would -- it would come out of the,
21 probably the contract policing office in "E"
Division headquarters.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, if Corporal Connor said, "We need
23 to get -- to start working with Vancouver on this
24 missing women issue," as a result of when Pickton
25 becomes identified, how would he go about making

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1 that pitch, if I could use that term?

2 RIC HALL: He would probably, depending on what rank he
3 was at the time, --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: He was a corporal.

5 RIC HALL: Corporal.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

7 RIC HALL: So, he would have probably gone to his unit
8 commander, or to the staff sergeant in charge of
9 the plainclothes unit, --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 RIC HALL: -- and talk about that. And either jointly,
12 or they would probably approach, at that time, if
13 he was a corporal, it would have been Moulton, --

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes?

15 RIC HALL: -- to see if we can get this going.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: And does Moulton then have to go to you to
17 say, "Hey, Ric," or "Hey, boss, this is what
18 we're" --

19 RIC HALL: No, he would go to, uhm, probably go to the
20 operations people in Vancouver.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay. And --

22 RIC HALL: Or to "E" Division headquarters, because we
23 did have the Unsolved Homicide Unit.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Right, okay. And do you recall that -- did
25 Earl Moulton ever have that discussion with you,
26 saying, "Hey, I'm thinking maybe we should be
27 joining a task force with" --

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1 RIC HALL: I don't recall that.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: You don't recall that?

3 RIC HALL: No.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, you were not the commander in March

5 of 1997 when --

6 RIC HALL: No.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- Pickton was first arrested. Okay.

8 So, as the superintendent in charge of

9 Coquitlam, did you ever receive any correspondence

10 from the Crown's office to say, "This is the

11 disposition of court cases for your officers," so

12 at least you were able to monitor what, what the

13 disposition was? You know, your officers are

14 laying all these criminal charges a year. Were

15 you ever able to find out what actually happened

16 with those criminal charges?

17 RIC HALL: Not routinely.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, there was no format or forum --

19 RIC HALL: Normally we would get an at-a-boy letter --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes?

21 RIC HALL: -- saying that the officers did a good thing.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

23 RIC HALL: Or we would get a call if they didn't prepare

24 their case well.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

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1 RIC HALL: And there was always, we didn't like what the
2 Crown was doing in deciding --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

4 RIC HALL: -- and we would have meetings to discuss those
5 things, and they would tell us what we're doing
6 wrong.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you were getting the good days and the bad
8 days. But --

9 RIC HALL: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: -- were you getting constant updates on,
11 "Okay, last month, you laid, you know, 37" --

12 RIC HALL: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "B and E charges," and you never found out
14 really what happened? So, there was no format in
15 place or setup to automatically receive the --

16 RIC HALL: No.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- dispositions of these court cases?

18 RIC HALL: No.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Sorry, did you want your --

20 RIC HALL: No, I was just -- I got confused with what you
21 were saying there. Like, if we have 120 break and
22 enter and thefts, --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

24 RIC HALL: -- of course, we create the files for all of
25 those.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

27 RIC HALL: And a lot of them, of course, there is never
28 any charges. But when they go to court, there was

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1 never any way of -- there was no follow-up from
2 Crown saying, "You laid 10 B and E charges and
3 nine of them got thrown out for various reasons."
4 There was none of that.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: There was none of that?

5 RIC HALL: No.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: There was no communication?

7 RIC HALL: Well, there was communication.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: But not --

9 RIC HALL: No formal --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to say --

11 RIC HALL: -- reporting back saying --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

13 RIC HALL: -- "At this month, you laid all these
14 charges," whether it's a B and E or assault, or
15 whatever it may be, "and 90 percent of them got
16 thrown out because" . . .

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Hmm. Okay. Interesting. So, did you ever
17 have regular meetings or discussions, like,
18 schedule -- regularly scheduled meetings with the
19 Crown attorney, the local Crown attorney in the
20 area, --

21 RIC HALL: No.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to discuss the issues or --

23 RIC HALL: No.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you ever have to drive over to the
25 courthouse to say, "Okay, we've got to settle this

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1 issue" or "this is a concern to me" or anything
2 like that? Or would that be the job of Earl
3 Moulton, as he's your 2IC or. . .
4 RIC HALL: Uhm, I don't, I don't -- we didn't really have
5 a lot of meetings with the Crown, no.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
7 RIC HALL: Federal Crown more so, I think.
8 JENNIFER EVANS: Why is that? Because you were laying more,
9 like, drug charges and --
10 RIC HALL: Yeah, in relation to drug charges.
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
12 RIC HALL: Yeah.
13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
14 RIC HALL: And there was always -- and I shouldn't say
15 always. We would get feedback from the federal
16 Crown saying members hadn't done something right.
17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.
18 RIC HALL: So we would have a meeting on that --
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.
20 RIC HALL: -- and oftentimes it was just a personality
21 thing, I guess, --
22 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.
23 RIC HALL: -- between Crown and the police officers.
24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.
25 RIC HALL: Yeah.
26 JENNIFER EVANS: What I was looking for was just to find out, I

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1 have seen setups in jurisdictions where it's, it's
2 a form that gets sent back for every criminal
3 charge that's laid, it shows you the disposition
4 of the, of the outcome of the charge, so, whether
5 it was convicted. So, you, as the supervisor,
6 could then track and you could call your, your
7 person in for their yearly evaluation and say,
8 "You know what? You laid 42 criminal charges last
9 year, but every single one of them were stayed" or
10 "every single one of the persons got acquitted, so
11 what are we doing wrong here? We have to fix
12 this." Or "Hey, you got convictions on 42 charges
13 last year. That's fantastic." So, there was no
14 format --

15 RIC HALL: You would rely on your supervisors to monitor
16 that.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: To do that?

18 RIC HALL: Yes.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: But do the officers receive notification for
20 their court cases or do the, just the, the officer
21 himself, as opposed to their supervisor?

22 RIC HALL: Everybody receives a -- they call it a
23 LENS, --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 RIC HALL: -- when there's a court case or a trial, --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

2 RIC HALL: -- law enforcement notice.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Yes?

4 RIC HALL: Yes. So, that comes from the courthouse
telling them that they have a particular case.

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6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 RIC HALL: And of course, the members would notify their
supervisors, because they have to go to court.

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9 JENNIFER EVANS: To go to court. Okay. Okay.

10 Uhm, I mean, I spoke to Earl Moulton about
11 this yesterday. I noticed that there was a bill
12 for a cleaning expense from the 1997 incident, and
13 I know you weren't there in 1997, but it was for
14 less than a hundred dollars and I was noticing
15 that he had to send it up to Ottawa to get
16 reimbursed for this. Was that a --

17 RIC HALL: Cleaning?

18 JENNIFER EVANS: A cleaning, the car. I guess the woman got
19 into the car and bled on the car, so the car went
20 and got cleaned, and the RCMP said, "Okay, we'll
21 pay that cleaning bill," which was, like, \$98.
22 But I found the bill actually then got sent up to
23 RCMP headquarters in Ottawa, and I just found that
24 was -- was that a normal practice, that bills --

25 RIC HALL: Why would --

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: -- for just a small amount would get --
2 RIC HALL: I don't know why it would go to Ottawa.
3 JENNIFER EVANS: It said something like "in gratia" or
4 something like that?
5 RIC HALL: Oh, in gratia.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: In gratia?
7 RIC HALL: Payment.
8 JENNIFER EVANS: And so can you explain that to me, why that
9 would get sent a different route or --
10 RIC HALL: It's --
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Is it like an unplanned --
12 RIC HALL: It's like, if --
13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- business expense?
14 RIC HALL: -- one of our police dogs went out and some
15 poor civilian is walking down the street and the
dog rips the person's jacket off, --
16 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes?
17 RIC HALL: -- we can make an in gratia payment to --
18 JENNIFER EVANS: So, it's like a --
19 RIC HALL: -- pay for the jacket.
20 JENNIFER EVANS: -- unplanned expense --
21 RIC HALL: Yes.
22 JENNIFER EVANS: -- because you are not planning for the dog to
23 do that and --
24 RIC HALL: Yeah. But I, I don't know why it would have
gone to Ottawa.
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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 RIC HALL: Like, I could do that --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: You could do that --

4 RIC HALL: -- locally.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: -- locally, okay. Okay.

6 Uhm, so if you recognize that in your area,

7 in Coquitlam, that you need extra resources as a

8 result of a sudden increase in homicides or a

9 sudden increase in home invasions, how do you go

10 about getting those resources as the detachment

11 commander?

12 RIC HALL: Uhm, first off, you've got to realize that

13 Coquitlam Detachment is responsible for Coquitlam

14 and Port Coquitlam --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 RIC HALL: -- cities, two cities.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

18 RIC HALL: Uhm, so, when it comes to resourcing annually,

19 we would go forward to the two cities, laying out

20 what we, we require as additional resources,

21 whether municipal employees or police officers.

22 Then they worked on a cost-sharing basis.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

24 RIC HALL: Coquitlam supplied the building. Coquitlam

25 supplied the staff. Uhm, and the City of Port

Coquitlam would pay a one-third, basically a

one-third cost.

JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

RIC HALL: Because the number of police officers that

were funded by the City of Port Coquitlam was

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1 about --

2 JENNIFER EVANS: One-third?

3 RIC HALL: -- one-third.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

5 RIC HALL: So, I would go to budget meetings with the two
6 cities.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

8 RIC HALL: Uhm, one city might say, "yes, we agree," and
9 the other city might say "no, you are asking for
10 six this year." One might agree and the other
11 would say, "No, we'll only fund one."
12 So, the members themselves, when you look at
13 the organizational chart, --

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

15 RIC HALL: -- they are attached to a city.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

17 RIC HALL: And --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: So it's like a municipal police service?

19 RIC HALL: It is. But it's just a little awkward when
20 you're dealing with two cities. And then we have
21 a, a large provincial area as well for, excuse me,
22 for Coquitlam, but it only has three police
23 officers. So, we are always trying to get extra
24 resources for the provincial area, which we have
25 to go through "E" Division headquarters.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

27 RIC HALL: Because they get -- they go to the province
28 and say, "Okay, we need 90 new police officers in
29 British Columbia for the provincial area," or some
30 of the specialized units.

31 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

32 RIC HALL: And the province will come back and say,
33 "Well, we're only to give you 50," or whatever it

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1 may be. But those negotiations were well out of
2 my domain.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, just so I understand it, so the
4 provincial, the three provincial officers you have
5 working under your command, are they working out
6 of the community station separate and apart
7 from --

8 RIC HALL: No, they worked out of the main detachment.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And their duties are, is it, like,
10 highway patrol? Is that what their --

11 RIC HALL: Okay, I just -- I don't want to confuse you
12 here but --

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

14 RIC HALL: -- but this, because we police two cities
15 and --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

17 RIC HALL: -- we have the provincial area, which has two
18 villages in it, Anmore and Belcarra, which are
19 basically summer villages, but are very busy in
20 the summertime.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

22 RIC HALL: Belcarra has a over a million people that
23 attend the park.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: That's what I understand. Wow.

25 RIC HALL: Yeah. So, I had one constable that I
 dedicated full time to the provincial area, and he
 was the boat operator and he would go out on the
 river and up into the lakes. And in the

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1 summertime, we would just take individual young
2 constables and say, "You are going to go out and
3 work with the guy that's out running the boat or
4 policing up at the park, you will work with him
5 for a shift" or whatever.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: And they always had a partner or sometimes he
7 would work alone?

8 RIC HALL: Oh oftentimes, he worked alone.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

10 RIC HALL: And with the two cities, we always tried to
11 have members in Port Coquitlam and we always tried
12 to have members in Coquitlam on a routine shift,
13 but general duty members, uniforms.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

15 RIC HALL: But if it got busy in one, we kept the bodies
16 from the other side and threw all the bodies into
17 where they were required.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 RIC HALL: So, some days, Port Coquitlam, although
20 they're only paying one-third of the share, they
21 probably had a lot of the police officers because
22 a murder occurred or a sexual assault occurred --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

24 RIC HALL: -- and we had to get on it. So, we'd just
25 take all those bodies.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

27 RIC HALL: And vice versa, if we needed them in
28 Coquitlam, we took them out of Port Coquitlam.

29 JENNIFER EVANS: So --

30 RIC HALL: So, it was always a fine balancing act.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

2 RIC HALL: And the same with the provincial area. If,
3 all of a sudden, there was a big house party going
4 on, we just took everybody from the cities and
threw them out into the provincial area.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 RIC HALL: So, they're only funding three, but if it was
7 required, they could have 20.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. It's similar to that in Peel in the
9 fact that we have Brampton and Mississauga. So
10 if, all of a sudden, we have a homicide tomorrow
11 in, in Brampton, the officers who are working the
12 divisional -- the division in Mississauga, as a
13 front load, may go out for two days and help out
14 the homicide, just to try and get, get --

15 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: -- as much done in the first 24 hours.

17 RIC HALL: Yes.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, but with the RCMP, you wouldn't be able
19 to then reach over to Surrey and say, "Hey, you
20 guys have got six guys working the crime unit
21 tonight. Can I borrow six of your guys?"

22 RIC HALL: Sure.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: You could do that?

24 RIC HALL: Sure.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, I keep, I keep being told that because

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1 Surrey is a different, almost a separate-run
2 entity, a municipal police service, even though
3 they're RCMP, you would never cross over that
4 border to say -- because, as I say, I was
5 struggling to understand that, thinking --

6 RIC HALL: No, we do that all the time.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- well, if you are all RCMP, why couldn't you
8 do that?

9 RIC HALL: We do that all the time.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So that does occur?

11 RIC HALL: Just like with, with the hockey finals here.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

13 RIC HALL: You know, Surrey had a lot going on in there,
14 so we, we -- we -- sorry, they --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes, Coquitlam?

16 RIC HALL: -- brought in extra bodies from across the
17 river.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 RIC HALL: Coquitlam and Maple Ridge.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: So, it does happen?

21 RIC HALL: Sure.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: That makes sense. Because that's what I was
23 struggling to understand, why you wouldn't do
24 that.

25 RIC HALL: No.

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1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, with regards to Pickton, Corporal
2 Connor first starts meeting Constable Shenher in
3 August of 1998. Uhm, there is a tip that comes
4 into the RCMP, Jim Murray. Do you remember having
5 Jim Murray work for you in Coquitlam?

6 RIC HALL: Jim Murray?

7 JENNIFER EVANS: I don't know if it was Coquitlam or Port
8 Coquitlam. Yes, Jim Murray. Or sorry, Jim Brown.

9 RIC HALL: Oh, yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Jim Brown?

11 RIC HALL: Yes.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Apparently he receives the tip, a Crime
13 Stoppers tip that talks about Pickton being
14 involved in the missing women in Vancouver, and he
15 actually transfers the information down to
16 Vancouver City Police. I'm trying to determine
17 why would not the RCMP then take responsibility if
18 they're saying that Pickton is responsible,
19 homicides of the missing women, and Pickton lives
20 in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, why isn't the RCMP
21 then saying, "Hey, we are going to look at this as
22 ourselves"?

23 RIC HALL: I can't answer that question.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Were you aware that Jim Brown actually
25 received one of the original tips?

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1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, when did you first become aware

3 that Vancouver were having an issue with their

4 missing women in the Downtown Eastside? Do you

5 recall?

6 RIC HALL: When I started listening -- reading the paper

7 and listening to Warren and some of the other talk

8 shows talking about the potential that --

8 JENNIFER EVANS: To the media?

9 RIC HALL: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: It wasn't through CPIC messages or alerts

11 through police, you know, communications or

12 anything like that --

13 RIC HALL: No.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or --

15 RIC HALL: It's 12 years ago, --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: I know.

17 RIC HALL: -- but I don't recall anything like that.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Had you ever had any experience or, or

19 exposure to the Pickton family, like, Dave --

20 RIC HALL: No.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or Robert prior to --

22 RIC HALL: The first time I heard of the Picktons was at

23 a morning briefing when we were talking about what

24 happened over the weekend, and one of the watch

25 commanders reported that they had shut down

Piggy's Palace --

JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: -- with the fire department. What's Piggy's
2 Palace?

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, that's right.

4 RIC HALL: And -- but it wasn't Willie Pickton. It was
5 Dave Pickton's name that came up at that.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 RIC HALL: So, that was kind of the first I ever heard of
8 the Picktons.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, so in 1999, Constable Shenher and
10 Vancouver City Police are dealing with Corporal
11 Connor a lot more with regards to -- they receive
12 information from New Westminster that Pickton is
13 out on the stroll, the 12th Street stroll in New
14 Westminster, trying to pick up prostitutes. And
15 Corporal Connor arranges a meeting in your
16 detachment with New Westminster and Vancouver.
17 Were you aware of that at the time, that -- would
18 you be --

19 RIC HALL: I don't know.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: -- in your position, would you be told of
21 those things?

22 RIC HALL: Not necessarily. I mean, it happens all
23 the time where members from other detachments and
24 other police departments come together and they
25 get together to strategize or talk about a file.

JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Keith Davidson, did you ever have any

RIC HALL

1 exposure or meet with Keith Davidson, the criminal
2 profiler?

3 RIC HALL: No. I know him, but --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: But you don't recall him ever coming into the
5 Coquitlam? He never discussed any concerns with
6 you with regards to --

7 RIC HALL: No.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- the missing women?

9 So, in July 1999, investigators of VPD and --
10 meet with Coquitlam, as well as the members from
11 the Provincial Unsolved Homicide Unit, --

12 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- as well as the "E" Division Major Crime
14 Unit, and they meet in your division, your
15 detachment.

16 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: How does an officer then try to get resources
18 from the Provincial Unsolved Homicide Unit in "E"
19 Division Major Crime to assist them? Like, you
20 have got your guys working the Serious Crime Unit,
21 but there's only so many people working in your
22 Serious Crime Unit with so many resources. How do
23 they go about reaching out to get resources to
24 other -- from other areas?

25 RIC HALL: So, there is a phone call.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: And who would be responsible for making that
2 phone call?

3 RIC HALL: It could be the staff sergeant in charge of
4 our plainclothes unit. It could have been the
5 sergeant that worked under him. Uhm, I would not
6 find that unreasonable.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, do you need a certain authority
8 level or a rank level to get members from the
9 Unsolved Homicide Unit or "E" Division Major Crime
10 to come over and assist you with an investigation?

11 RIC HALL: No.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: What are your thoughts as to the fact that if
13 Vancouver City Police are investigating the
14 missing women in the Downtown Eastside, and they
15 become aware they have a suspect in Port
16 Coquitlam, what's to stop them from driving out
17 and interviewing the -- and doing a play or
18 working on him in your area?

19 RIC HALL: Nothing. I would expect that if they were
20 going to be operating in our area, they would
21 notify us --

22 JENNIFER EVANS: They would notify you?

23 RIC HALL: -- that they were coming out to do something.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, from what I understand from the meetings
25 that were occurring in August 1999, it was
resolved that Vancouver would be responsible for
the missing women investigation and Coquitlam

RIC HALL

1 would be responsible for the Pickton
2 investigation, because if there had been a
3 homicide that occurred, it actually would have --

4 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: -- been in Coquitlam area, --

6 RIC HALL: Right.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and therefore, the RCMP responsibility.
8 Does that make sense to you?

9 RIC HALL: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: And were you aware that, at one point, that,
11 all of a sudden, Coquitlam investigators said
12 they're actually taking care of -- carriage of
13 Pickton as an investigation, because they had
14 received information that some woman had allegedly
15 seen somebody hanging on a meat hook --

16 RIC HALL: Yeah.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and that he had --

18 RIC HALL: Yeah.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: And what information were you provided?
20 Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt.

21 RIC HALL: Oh, that's okay. The, I think the first I
22 became aware of that was when Moulton was meeting
23 with some of the people from, I believe they were
24 on the Unsolved Homicide Unit at that time.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, that was July 29th, 1999.

26 RIC HALL: Yes. And got up, briefed on what was, what
27 they were looking into and what had been said.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

2 RIC HALL: And they carried on with that. And then they
3 had a meeting in our parade room, or training
4 room, with a bunch of the investigators there to,
again, plan what they were going to do.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes. So, as I say, that was one of my
6 questions. Were you aware that, on July 29th,
7 1999, Inspector Moulton attended a meeting with
8 Detective Chernoff, Detective Lepine, Pollock,
9 Robertson, Connor, Nels Justason from the Unsolved
10 Homicide Unit? At that time, all the Pickton
11 information is discussed and, as to the source and
12 several investigative strategies are discussed,
13 you know, surveillance, what are we going to do
14 next, how are we going to work on this. Did you
15 have any involvement in that meeting or --

16 RIC HALL: I, I think, because it was mentioned to me in
17 some other document, that it was noted that I was
18 there, and probably what I did, because it's all
19 glass, is, when I saw the meeting taking place, I
would go walk in, because I know many of the
players --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

21 RIC HALL: -- that were there, that are working on
22 different units now, from my days at Surrey
Detachment.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

24 RIC HALL: Because most of them had channelled through
25 the Major Crimes unit.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

2 RIC HALL: So, I would, as I would normally do if I saw
3 something like that going on, I would just pop in,
4 you know, say "hello" to the people that I know.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

6 RIC HALL: If there's anything that I need to do or
7 somebody wants to ask me to do something, it gives
8 them the opportunity to do it, --

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

10 RIC HALL: -- and I probably left.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 RIC HALL: Because the investigators were doing what they
13 do.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm. Were you aware of any other
15 operational pressures that your officers were
16 facing at the time --

17 RIC HALL: Oh, yeah.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- that would take away from Pickton being a
19 priority?

20 RIC HALL: Yeah. At that time, we did not have the
21 Unsolved Homicide Unit.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

23 RIC HALL: So, we would be responsible for our own
24 homicide investigations.

25 MR. MAJAWA: I think you mean the integrated --

26 JENNIFER EVANS: The Integrated Homicide Unit, yeah.

27 MR. MAJAWA: Unsolved Homicide --

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Unsolved is the cold case one.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Yes, yes.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: But you didn't have the Integrated Homicide --

3 RIC HALL: No.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: -- which investigated the actives, right?

5 RIC HALL: No, we didn't have them, the Integrated
6 Homicide Unit --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes?

8 RIC HALL: -- at that time.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

10 RIC HALL: So we were responsible for homicides that
11 occurred within our detachment area.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: And was Coquitlam experiencing a high volume
13 of homicides during that time?

14 RIC HALL: Uhm, for the size of the detachment, there was
15 quite a few.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

17 RIC HALL: One of them, as an example, was the Brianne
18 Voth. She was murdered on the banks of the
19 Coquitlam River.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

21 RIC HALL: And we brought in people from all surrounding
22 detachments to help us out on that one.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: And when did that one occur? Do you recall
24 when that --

25 RIC HALL: I can't remember the date. It was before IHIT
came into play.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Was that one of those whodunits, that she --

27 when we found the body, no one really knew who the

RIC HALL

1 suspect was or --

2 RIC HALL: Exactly. And as that one was unfolding, we
3 found out that we had a lot of nasty people living
in Port Coquitlam --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

5 RIC HALL: -- once we started doing the door-to-door
6 knocks.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

8 RIC HALL: But we did get the guy.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

10 RIC HALL: Yeah.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: And then so, using that case as an example,
12 were you able to reach out to various RCMP
13 jurisdictions and --

14 RIC HALL: I didn't have to.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 RIC HALL: Our investigators just got on the phone and
17 asked for help from the other detachments --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 RIC HALL: -- so they came.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, it's not like you, as the officer
21 in charge, would have to make those phone calls to
22 other areas?

23 RIC HALL: I would made them if they were finding
24 resistance.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Okay. Yeah, actually, I noticed that,

RIC HALL

1 and you talked about the fact is, you would be
2 involved in resource issues and investigative
3 decisions only if there was an impasse.

4 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: So, for the most part, uhm, it wouldn't
6 require the rank to phone over? It would be just
7 the person?

8 RIC HALL: Pick up the phone.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: I talked to, Earl Moulton was yesterday, and
10 he was saying something like that, that it really
11 wouldn't -- I mean, even for constables, to phone
12 over to the different detachments --

13 RIC HALL: No, that's exactly.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- to get --

15 RIC HALL: If there was something major going on and you
16 needed help, I would anticipate that one of the
17 NCOs, probably, would make the phone call to the
18 same unit at another detachment --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

19 RIC HALL: -- asking if we could get some assistance
20 because we got this young girl murdered --

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

22 RIC HALL: -- and we don't have enough resources.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And there was never any issues with
24 that, so.

25 RIC HALL: No.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, on the meeting on July 29th,
2 Inspector Moulton contacts Special "O", requests
3 their assistance. Uhm, and then I understand, at
4 that time, that's when the decision is made that
5 VPD is going to be responsible for the missing
6 women investigation and CQ, Coquitlam, would be
7 responsible for the homicide investigation, so.
8 And then on August 3rd, so a few days later,
9 there is another meeting with Moulton and Fred
10 Biddlecombe is there. Do you remember Fred
11 Biddlecombe from Vancouver City Police?
12 RIC HALL: No.
13 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you ever have contact with him?
14 RIC HALL: I have heard the name but. . .
15 JENNIFER EVANS: Staff Sergeant Doug Henderson from the
16 Provincial Unsolved?
17 RIC HALL: Yes.
18 JENNIFER EVANS: And Doug Rinn I think is in charge of Major
19 Crime?
20 RIC HALL: Don Rinn?
21 JENNIFER EVANS: Don Rinn?
22 RIC HALL: Yes.
23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, Sergeant Robertson and Field,
24 Lepine, Chernoff, Shenher are there from
25 Vancouver; and there's a Corporal Justason and

RIC HALL

1 Connor discuss -- at that time, they discuss the
2 financial resources and the deployment of teams to
3 try and pursue Pickton and how they're going to
4 investigate this further. Uhm, so I understand
5 you were given an update at that time as to what
6 had happened. Do you recall that meeting at all?

7 RIC HALL: Yeah, and I would have to say that it was
8 fairly informal in Moulton's office.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And what was the, what was the strategy
10 at that point?

11 RIC HALL: That he was, he was running with it.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

13 RIC HALL: Along with the investigators and just get on,
14 you know, with the job.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And I have it on August 10th, there is
16 a meeting with yourself and Wayne Clary, Henley,
17 Ballantyne, Pollock. And this is the same day
18 that Lynn Ellingsen is interviewed. Now, this is
19 one of the sources are giving information to the
20 police that Lynn Ellingsen has been telling the
21 story about how she's seen Pickton hanging and
22 being sliced by the pig (sic) and slaughtered, but
23 when she gets brought in and interviewed, she
24 denies all this.

25 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Do you recall that meeting? And did you have

RIC HALL

1 any discussions with the investigators at that
2 time with regards to the credibility or the
3 reliability of her as a witness?

4 RIC HALL: I'm just not sure on this meeting, whether it
5 was the actual meeting or in passing when they
6 were in the office and recollect this is what's
going on.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: Like, I can't picture it in my mind's eye,
9 sitting down at a formal meeting about this, but
not to say that it didn't happen, but I don't
recall that.
10 And then there was a discussion with Henley
11 in Moulton's office after, where they said that
they weren't going to be pursuing this any
12 further.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: And Henley makes that decision as the corporal
14 in the Provincial Unsolved Homicide Unit.

15 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm --

17 RIC HALL: Oh, I am sure he made it in consultation with
18 somebody else --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 RIC HALL: -- in his unit.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Now, would you have any authority to
22 say, "No, actually, Corporal Connor, my guy, says
23 there is still much more work to be on this and I
24 need you guys to stay focused on this until we
25 either resolve this or, or not"?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Uhm, my best guess, recollection, is that I, I
2 believed that they were all on the same page,
3 that --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: So you never -- you were never informed of the
5 fact that Corporal Connor and officers from
6 Coquitlam, had a completely different view than
7 people from the Unsolved Homicide --

8 RIC HALL: I do not recall --

9 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "E" Division --

10 RIC HALL: -- anybody --

11 JENNIFER EVANS: -- as regards --

12 RIC HALL: -- saying that.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Because in an interview with regards to the
14 Williams report in 2002, Frank Henley -- I think
15 it's Frank Henley?

16 RIC HALL: Yes.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- says that, uhm, that there will be no more
18 resources from the PU -- from the homicide unit
19 into this investigation, and you were the one who
20 made that decision. Would that surprise you?

21 RIC HALL: Yeah.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: It was -- sorry, it would surprise you or you
23 did make that decision?

24 RIC HALL: No, it surprises me that he says that. I
25 don't -- no, I -- alls I can think back to is
sitting in, or I wasn't sitting in, but Henley was
sitting in Moulton's office, and they had that
discussion, and it was just, like, we got no
further, no way -- no more recourse. They've

RIC HALL

1 tried surveillance and they were going to try and
2 do a cold interview with him.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: And then -- with, with him or with Ellingsen,
4 the female?

5 RIC HALL: No, with him.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Him? Okay. Because I see --

7 RIC HALL: Pickton.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- in the will say I was provided
9 yesterday, --

10 RIC HALL: Yes.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: -- it talks on page 2:
12 Superintendent Hall recalls speaking to
13 Corporal Henley in Inspector Moulton's office
14 about a witness that was recanting and not
15 credible. Superintendent Hall had faith in
16 the investigators' experience and trusted
17 their judgement, and therefore, did not
18 interfere with the investigative decisions.

19 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: But that was with Henley. Did you ever speak
21 to Corporal Connor, your investigator?

22 RIC HALL: No, not that I recall.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Corporal Connor never came to you and said,
24 "Superintendent Hall," --

25 RIC HALL: I don't --

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "we have a big" -- you know, "I've got a
2 big concern that no one is -- I'm not getting the
3 resources I need to investigate Pickton further"?
4 RIC HALL: I don't recall that happening.
5 JENNIFER EVANS: And you don't recall ever hearing, or that
6 there was a divide as to what -- who believed in
7 the credibility of Lynn Ellingsen as, as -- when
8 she was interviewed?
9 RIC HALL: No, I don't.
10 JENNIFER EVANS: You were -- you recall the intense -- just,
11 I'm using the same document from yesterday --
12 recall the period of intense surveillance in
13 August 1999 which garnered no results. Were you
14 ever told that, on August 10th, Corporal Connor
15 and the investigators receive information that
16 Pickton was feeding the victims to his pigs and
17 transporting some of the remains in barrels or
18 drums somewhere? And then two days later, the
19 surveillance teams actually follow Pickton driving
20 a pickup truck with barrels and drums in the back
21 of his pickup truck to a rendering plant, a
22 recycling plant?
23 RIC HALL: Wow. No.
24 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you were never told of that? That --
25 RIC HALL: Not that I recall.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: They were never --

2 RIC HALL: No. I mean, that's something you kind of
3 would think would stick in my mind.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. And you don't recall that?

5 RIC HALL: No.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, so did you ever have a
7 conversation with Corporal Connor yourself about
8 his investigation --

9 RIC HALL: No.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: -- on Pickton?

11 RIC HALL: No, not that I recall.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, did you ever personally interview, you
13 know, if you're walking by and you see the
14 interview going on, would you have the opportunity
15 to walk and say, "Oh, I get to watch this
16 interview," I mean, just out of curiosity, because
17 that's what police do sometimes? We just kind of
18 -- especially if you're the office guy that works
19 on the paperwork, sometimes you want to go in and
20 actually watch the police work going on in the
21 interviews. Did you ever have the opportunity to
22 observe any of the interviews going on with
23 regards to this case?

24 RIC HALL: No.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Any of the sources or any of the witnesses?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. What did you think of the information

3 that you were hearing, that was being told to you

4 by the sources, and the fact that this witness,

5 Lynn Ellingsen, has allegedly told people that she

6 had seen a woman being hung up and being skinned

7 alive? And she makes the comment about the -- did

8 you ever hear of the comment about the fat being

9 -- she was surprised that human fat was yellow,

10 she didn't know that? Do you recall ever that?

11 RIC HALL: No, I don't recall hearing that. Uhm, I

12 learned earlier on, particularly when I went to

13 Surrey Detachment, because of the size of that

14 place, the work that was going on there, is when

15 you get stories coming in about things happening,

16 uhm, I learned very fast that I would not go, "oh,

17 wow, this is bad." Let the investigators do their

18 job --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 RIC HALL: -- and follow up on it. And at the end, if

21 there is something to it, we'll hear, we'll be

22 told if something further is going to take place.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

24 RIC HALL: Uhm, and I learned that, again, from

25 complaints against police officers, you know,

about how bad the police are, --

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

27 RIC HALL: -- at first blush, you say, "oh, that's

28 terrible," but at the end of the day, it's not

29 quite the same as what actually happened.

30 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm. But what about the information

RIC HALL

1 specifically with regards to Pickton?
2 Do we have to stop the tape? Is something
3 beeping there?
4 MS. RAMORE: Something is beeping. I'm not sure what's
5 beeping. The battery seems fine though.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: Is one of them still going?
7 MS. RAMORE: This one is still going.
8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay, we'll continue on then. It is almost
9 five to 11:00, so.
10 JENNIFER EVANS: What about the information with regards to
11 Pickton and this story, about the woman being hung
12 up and skinned?
13 RIC HALL: Again, it's -- yeah, that sound bad, but at
14 the end of the day, when the investigators do
15 their thing, is it really what is being told is
16 the truth?
17 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you ever think that -- someone actually
18 described it to me as incredulous, that it was so
19 farfetched, who would ever make -- I mean, my, my
20 thing is, who would ever make this up? And their,
21 their response was that it was just so farfetched
22 and that possibly the person would create this
23 because of the reward that had been offered by the
24 Vancouver City Police. Were you ever involved or
25 hear any of that theory at all?
RIC HALL: No, no.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: That they were dismissing the information
2 because they thought maybe it was just somebody
3 out for the cash?
4 RIC HALL: (No verbal response)
5 JENNIFER EVANS: No? You are shaking your head? Okay.
6 RIC HALL: As I told these folks, you know, I, I drove by
7 the turnoff to the Pickton farm twice a day, for
8 the most part, --
9 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?
10 RIC HALL: -- for two -- I think it was four years, and
11 every time I drove by, I didn't go to myself,
12 "We've got a mass murderer or a serial killer
13 living here."
14 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Okay. Uhm, but did you ever drive by
15 and go, "Hmm, I wonder what's going on with the
16 Pickton investigation"?
17 RIC HALL: No, I can't think that -- say that I did.
18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, how was the Serious Crime Unit
19 staffed in Coquitlam? So, what were your
20 resources as opposed to, to the amount of crimes
21 that they were expected to investigate?
22 RIC HALL: Minimal.
23 JENNIFER EVANS: How so? Like, do you recall how many officers
24 there were assigned --
25 RIC HALL: I can't tell you off the top of my head. You
have to get the organizational chart.
JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Uhm, we were always scrambling for bodies, for
2 our plainclothes investigators. Our experience
3 level had dropped down. So, we were taking -- you
4 know, 10 years ago, we would be looking for
constables with 10; eight, nine, 10 years of
service. All of a sudden, we're putting
constables in with --

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Three or four years?

6 RIC HALL: -- two years.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

8 RIC HALL: Because our gene pool was dropping down.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

10 RIC HALL: So, any time we had a major case go on, --

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

12 RIC HALL: -- before IHIT was involved, we would often
13 rob from the general-duty side. But my priority
14 was, whenever possible, to keep the general-duty
side full up.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Because it was uniform patrol?

16 RIC HALL: Yes.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: They were out in Surrey, right?

18 RIC HALL: Yes.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

20 RIC HALL: Always a fine balancing act, trying to do
21 this, --

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

23 RIC HALL: -- to meet the needs, as you, I am sure are
24 aware, meet the needs of the community and what
they expect --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: -- and what the reality is.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

3 RIC HALL: Uhm, we went -- we had a huge vacancy pattern
4 at that time because Depot was shutting down, had
shut down. So --

5 JENNIFER EVANS: And that was in 1999?

6 RIC HALL: '99, 2000, somewhere in there.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: Uhm, so, I was constantly having to explain
9 this to the two cities, when it comes to budgets.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: In the fact that people were -- you are losing
11 people through attrition, but you couldn't fulfill
12 the numbers to back -- because there was nobody in
13 Depot being trained?

14 RIC HALL: We were running, at a given time, 20 vacancies
15 where we had no, actual no body to fill that
position.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Wow.

17 RIC HALL: Aside from your mat leave, pat leave, sick,
18 uhm, --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Accommodated positions?

20 RIC HALL: -- all of those things.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

22 RIC HALL: People on holidays. Uh, it was a hard sell to
23 the cities, when you come to budget time, to go to
them and say, "I need 10 more police officers" --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

25 RIC HALL: -- "for the next year." "Why? You can't fill
the positions you've got now."

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

2 RIC HALL: I personally think we were almost on the verge
3 of losing our contracts --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

5 RIC HALL: -- because of that. And it wasn't just
6 Coquitlam. It was all the detachments that were
7 facing these sort of issues. Uhm, lots of
transfers out of the plainclothes section.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Workload was too heavy?

9 RIC HALL: The experience -- well, we'd get the
10 inexperienced people in and they have to learn on
11 the job. We, we take the best we thought we had
12 on the plain -- or general-duty side, and put them
13 in there. Uhm, lots of people promoted, uhm, and
14 move on. Lots of people want to go to the
15 specialized units and they move on to those jobs,
outside of the detachment. Uhm, and there was a
case of one NCO being stressed out and asked to
leave. And there was others that wanted out and
go to other units, outside of Coquitlam, because
they had no time to themselves --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

16 RIC HALL: -- working around -- not around the clock,
17 but --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Non-stop?

19 RIC HALL: -- weekends, there was always something going
20 on. We need the bodies. We need the
investigations to be done.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Hmm. Okay. So, did you document -- like,
22 you, did you have to write a report to the city?
23 Like, how would you go to -- approach the cities
24 to get that?

25 RIC HALL: Well, we -- we don't have a police board like
the municipal boards.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

2 RIC HALL: So, each city has a, like, a police committee.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

4 RIC HALL: -- or a public safety committee. So, we go in
5 there -- and oftentimes it would be in camera, but
6 oftentimes it was open -- and lay out to them what
7 the shortfalls are. Uhm, occasionally I would
8 send an e-mail or write a memo to the cities
9 explaining our vacancy pattern and what we're
10 facing.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And you say it was conversations. Did
12 you ever put these things in writing, like, these
13 are documents that I could track down?

14 RIC HALL: Yes, yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Because I haven't seen enough documents yet,
16 so.

17 MR. MAJAWA: I think we did forward some, or a couple of extra
18 documents --

19 MS. KLIMOS: We did.

20 MR. MAJAWA: -- last week.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: The mayors' reports I got from Corporal
22 Connor.

23 MR. MAJAWA: Right. So you have the mayors' reports already.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: And the mayors' reports. But I don't think
25 there's anything in the mayors' reports. That was
more, like, crime trends for the month as opposed
to --

RIC HALL: No, there was a separate --

RIC HALL

1 MR. MAJAWA: But there was some others, there were some other
2 separate documents that we had --

3 MS. KLIMOS: Yes, we, we requested documents from the City of
4 Coquitlam.

5 MR. MAJAWA: Yeah, and we had sent some of them off to you.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 MS. KLIMOS: Yeah, and we're still waiting for PoCo.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Heather keeps track of all of the
9 files.

10 MS. RAMORE: If we can take a break?

11 MR. MAJAWA: Sure, why don't we do that?

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Why don't we take a break? That would be
13 great. So, it is 11 o'clock on the dot, so. . .
14 (Proceedings adjourned)
15 (Proceedings resumed)

16 JENNIFER EVANS: And we're back in and it's 11:05 and we are
17 with retired Superintendent Ric Hall.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: And when we broke, we were just talking about
19 the resources issues, and I will refer to the
20 documents that we recently received, so I'll look
21 at them.

22 Now, I learned, too, about the monthly mayor
23 reports that you used to write.

24 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Or did you write them or --

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1 RIC HALL: No, my --

2 JENNIFER EVANS: -- were they written by somebody else?

3 RIC HALL: -- administrative NCO, Jim Dizowski
(phonetics).

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5 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

6 RIC HALL: He put them together for me.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And that was just to talk about crime

8 trends; is that --

9 RIC HALL: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Or as opposed to resource issues?

11 RIC HALL: Just to let them know what the different units
are doing within the detachment.

12

13 JENNIFER EVANS: And did -- do you recall, or I don't know if

14 you have had a chance to look at them, I don't

15 think I've seen all of them -- I'm not sure I want

16 to see all of them -- but was there a missing --

17 was there ever a notation about the Pickton or the

18 missing women investigations prior to 2002?

19 RIC HALL: We were provided all this information and I
went through it and I looked at every one of them
20 from Serious Crime Unit or plainclothes unit.
There is no mention of him.

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22 JENNIFER EVANS: No mention of Pickton?

23 RIC HALL: No.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Because it's interesting, we interviewed one

25 of the officers and he talks about -- it was

RIC HALL

1 Corporal McCartney, he comes in later on and does
2 a review of the file and he talks about, that they
3 all knew in the Serious Crime Unit, that Pickton
4 was like the elephant in the room, the box sitting
5 at the end of the table. They all knew they had
6 to either further investigate it to confirm what
7 the story was, or deny it, and neither -- but, you
8 know, they had to get rid of this elephant in the
9 room, but they were never given the opportunity to
10 work on it, uninterrupted, because the other
11 priorities of the day kept coming in on top of
12 them. Is that a fair statement, that that would
13 occur?

14 RIC HALL: Not knowing about the elephant in the room, as
15 far as --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

17 RIC HALL: -- the file sitting there --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

19 RIC HALL: -- and people want to go do more on it. But
20 it's fair to say, yes, there was stuff coming in
21 and, wow, we've got to do -- it's right in front
of us. We've got to deal with it.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Now, how would -- how, how do you
23 defend -- if someone says that, "Okay, so we've
24 got 27 missing women in Vancouver. We've got
25 Pickton as one of the suspects with this

RIC HALL

1 incredulous story that talks about him, you know.

2 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: "We know he has access or he has had previous

4 contact with a sex trade worker, which was a

5 violent episode. We know that in New Westminster

6 we got information that he's been trying to pick

7 up sex trade workers, and that we have this box of

8 information that we want to pursue, and although

9 we worked it in August of 1999, we didn't get

10 further with it." How was it that -- like, I

11 understand Brad Zaly's, at one point is going to

12 Earl Moulton saying, "Pickton is still a priority,

13 we've still got to work on this," and he's being

14 told that "priority of the day takes precedence

15 over Pickton, because we have to deal with what

16 comes through the door."

17 How do you defend the fact though, that

18 you've got 27 missing women, that how is that not

19 a priority over an attempt murder or a priority

20 over a home invasion or a robbery?

21 RIC HALL: Good question. Uhm, alls I can say is that,

22 at the time, dealing with what was happening now,

23 obviously had to take precedence. And I can't

24 speak on behalf of the investigators, because

25 clearly, they were still running with this or had

 knowledge of it, but that information wasn't being

 passed to me, and I hate to say, I didn't know of

 it. I think that's a fair statement.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you were never told of the pressures or
2 the view that Corporal Connor had that he had to
3 -- there was still lots to do on this?

4 RIC HALL: No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: And he felt that Pickton was definitely worthy
6 of consideration --

7 RIC HALL: No.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- for further investigation?
9 And where do you think that information
10 stopped? Like, who would have been the person who
11 could have told you that? Would that have -- or
12 should, should that have been Earl Moulton?

13 RIC HALL: Should have been. Could have been. Could
14 have been Brad Zaly's. It could have been Mike
15 Connor. He could have just stopped me and said.
16 But I don't ever recall it ever happening. Like,
17 I used to say that I managed by walking about.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

19 RIC HALL: You know, I would walk through the
20 plainclothes unit, like, three or four times a
21 day, and if there was a, particularly a major
22 thing going on, stop in and see the sergeant or
23 the staff sergeant, --

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

25 RIC HALL: -- "Like, how is things going? No more
overtime," you know, joking.

JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

RIC HALL: "No more overtime."

JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: "Solve this today."
2 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.
3 RIC HALL: And so, you know, there was plenty of
4 opportunity. Like, I like to think that we pretty
5 much had an open-door policy there.
6 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?
7 RIC HALL: You know, like, if you want to come up and
8 bang on my door because you've got something going
9 that you think you've got to get on and we're not
10 getting this support, that they would do that.
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and it's interesting, because the
12 interviews that I have conducted so far give me
13 the impression that there really wasn't a
14 formalized, although there's rank structure within
15 the RCMP in Coquitlam, --
16 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.
17 JENNIFER EVANS: -- it wasn't a recognized. So, it wasn't
18 like, just because you told me to do something if
19 you were my staff sergeant, I didn't necessarily
20 do it just because you were my staff sergeant. I
21 did it because I liked you.
22 RIC HALL: Really?
23 JENNIFER EVANS: That was -- and even Earl Moulton talked
24 yesterday a lot, and several times throughout the
25 interview, he used the word "consensus", you know,
"this issue was made by consensus." I mean, I
said, "Well, at some point you, as the 2IC, are

RIC HALL

1 going to say, 'I'm making a decision' --

2 RIC HALL: Yes.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- 'because I'm the boss'."

4 RIC HALL: And he did, too.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: But he said that really wasn't always the

6 case, you didn't need to have the rank to make the

7 decision. I find it surprising, coming from, you

8 know, RCMP, police, paramilitary.

9 RIC HALL: Yes.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: What's the point of having rank if no one is

11 going to listen to you?

12 RIC HALL: But there always comes a time when you have to

13 use your rank.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes. But did you feel that -- I mean, because

15 we talked about the, with one of the officers

16 about, "Would you be responsible for paying

17 attention? If your constable is in charge of an

18 investigation, you, as the corporal or you as the

19 sergeant, aren't you then ultimately responsible

20 to oversee your constables, that you designated

21 certain people within your unit, that you are

22 responsible for doing their yearly evaluation, and

23 wouldn't you be responsible for overseeing their

24 investigation to make sure they're doing

25 everything properly?"

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: Should be.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm --

3 RIC HALL: With rank comes responsibility.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, that's what I thought. And I talked to

5 Staff Sergeant Pollock and he talked about the

6 fact that he didn't necessarily have to supervise

7 Corporal Connor, or I guess Pollock was a

8 sergeant. He didn't supervise Corporal Connor

9 because Corporal Connor had a lengthy

10 investigative background, much longer than his, --

11 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and he really couldn't teach him anything

13 --

14 RIC HALL: Well, he deferred.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: He totally deferred his rank to the fact that

16 he didn't have to supervise him.

17 RIC HALL: And that's why he didn't stay very long.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, and I challenged with the whole fact

19 that, as well, on the fact that, because he was

20 saying, "You need to really supervise more in

21 patrol, the watch command as opposed to in Serious

22 Crime." And I said, "Well, how can you say that,

23 when there is such serious crimes going on, being

24 that that's why they named it Serious Crime Unit,

25 such a responsibility to the officers who have

RIC HALL

1 this investigation assigned to them, that don't
2 they, too, bear some level of responsibility if
3 you are the sergeant or you are the corporal? You
4 have a higher level of responsibility than a
5 constable would."

6 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Do you agree with that?

8 RIC HALL: I do.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Because it was interesting when I asked, "So,
10 who would get -- who is responsible for an
11 investigative failure of a constable," the
12 sergeant responded that, "crap rolls downhill."
13 And I challenged him on that saying, "I would
14 suggest that it should go the opposite way. Then
15 really, the ultimate responsibility should be the
16 person in charge, because they're the ones who are
17 responsible for all the people within their
18 command."

19 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Are you surprised by, that was the attitude by
21 the supervisors within the --

22 RIC HALL: Yeah, I am.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: -- Serious Crime Unit? Because --

24 RIC HALL: Different personalities, too.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: You know.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: And I recognize that. That's, that's common

3 in policing.

4 RIC HALL: Yes.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: And I --

6 RIC HALL: Often -- sorry.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Sorry. No, please.

8 RIC HALL: Just, now that I'm hearing this, it's -- I can

9 see it happening. You know, when -- if the

sergeant is insecure in his abilities, --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah?

11 RIC HALL: -- that he's just going to let the corporal

12 run, or even a constable, run --

JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

13 RIC HALL: -- with what they've got.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm. Well, and it's -- I mean, I like the

15 fact that you do the management by walkabout, and

16 it's surprising that if this was the elephant in

17 the room, uhm, that nobody came to you and said,

18 "Hey, you know, boss, we've got this elephant

19 sitting here in the room and" -- were you still

20 there? When did you leave Coquitlam?

21 RIC HALL: 2004.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, you were there the whole time then?

23 RIC HALL: Yeah.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you were there when Corporal Connor --

25 Corporal McCartney then took over when Corporal

RIC HALL

1 Connor left and --

2 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- McCartney came in and did a review at some

4 point. And that he, I think he was the one who

5 referred to it as "the elephant in the room," so.

6 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: Probably a good, apt description.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. Do you ever recall being part of a

10 discussion, thinking that there is a serial killer

11 responsible for these missing women?

12 RIC HALL: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you ever, like, if someone was to suggest

14 that the RCMP didn't care about the missing women

15 investigation because they were actually

16 Vancouver's problem because they were going

17 missing from the Vancouver Downtown Eastside,

18 would that be a fair assessment?

19 RIC HALL: I can't speak for those people on high in "E"

20 Division headquarters.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

22 RIC HALL: Uhm, as I said earlier, you know, I listened

23 to the radio shows, I read the paper about what

24 was going on, and I -- probably collectively, we

25 all went, "thank goodness it's not ours."

JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Because there was so many?

RIC HALL: Yeah.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. But you never connected it to the fact
2 that, "Hey, we've got a lot of suspects in our
3 area and" --

4 RIC HALL: No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "we're not getting the opportunity to
6 investigate them further"?

7 RIC HALL: No.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, if Frank Henley had, in that
9 discussion with you and Inspector Moulton that
10 day, had said, "You know what? We need to -- I
11 think Lynn Ellingsen is lying. We need to do some
12 more on this," would the Provincial Unsolved
13 Homicide Unit and "E" Division Major Crime have
14 stayed to assist Coquitlam Serious Crime Unit?

15 RIC HALL: I believe they would have.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: So, do you think the whole thing hinged on the
17 fact that they didn't pursue it because Henley
18 made the decision, or somebody in his area, said,
19 "There is nothing more we can do on this and we'll
20 leave it with you guys in Serious Crime here"?

21 RIC HALL: Sorry, the first part again.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: So, Henley makes a decision. You and Frank
23 Henley and Earl Moulton have this discussion after
24 the interview of Lynn Ellingsen, and Frank Henley
25 has the view that Lynn Ellingsen is, like, it's a

RIC HALL

1 dead issue --

2 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- because she hasn't corroborated the story

4 given to us by the source.

5 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: And even at the same time, were you aware

7 that, at the same time Lynn Ellingsen is being

8 interviewed, some woman shows up at the Surrey

9 Detachment saying, "Hey, I've got this really

10 weird story to tell you about my friend, Lynn

11 Ellingsen," and she tells a similar story that the

12 other two sources had provided about the fact that

13 Lynn had seen this woman hanging and being skinned

14 alive, were you ever made aware of that?

15 RIC HALL: No, no.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I was saying that, if Frank Henley had

17 decided we needed to pursue this, do you think it

18 would have been continued to be pursued?

19 RIC HALL: I think so.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: So, do you --

21 RIC HALL: Depending on what priorities they had, too, at

22 that, in their in basket, I guess, to what they

23 had going on.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: And you have no recollection of you being the

25 one responsible for saying, "Okay, you guys can go

 back to doing your own duties and we don't need

RIC HALL

1 your assistance anymore, because no one believes
2 this woman"?

3 RIC HALL: I don't recall that but, I mean, it could have
4 been said.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 RIC HALL: But I don't recall it.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Were you aware that someone approached,
8 someone from the Coquitlam Detachment had
9 approached the Crown attorney to try and see if
10 they could reinstate the 1997 charges against
11 Pickton?

12 RIC HALL: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Were you aware that Pickton, in the later
14 years, 1999, '98, was making threats to -- he was
15 trying to get people to locate the victim from
16 1997 and bring her to his farm so he could --

17 RIC HALL: No.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: -- finish the job? No?

19 RIC HALL: I think after August '99, the next time I
20 really heard of Pickton's name was 2002.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Corporal Connor gets promoted and
22 transferred in August 1999. Uhm, did he ever
23 approach you personally about saying, "Hey, you
24 know, boss, I know I got promoted, but I'm really
25 working on this case," --

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "I would like to stay here"? Was that

3 normal, in the course of duty, when you usually

4 get promoted, you get promoted to a different area

5 and you get moved?

6 RIC HALL: Yes. He was promoted onto the, as a sergeant,

7 onto the watch.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

9 RIC HALL: And, uh, normally in the Mounted Police, with

10 all the people that get transferred and moved

11 around, what happens is you clean up as much as

12 you can, you go to your supervisor and say, "This

13 is the stuff that I can't get done." The

14 supervisor takes it, gives it to somebody else.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. That makes sense.

16 RIC HALL: I talked to Mike Connor in -- when was he

17 working as a general duty supervisor.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

19 RIC HALL: Going to the watch office, go to the staff

20 sergeant, and he would be, many times, you know,

21 find out what's going on in the general-duty

22 side, --

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

24 RIC HALL: -- but nothing was ever said.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, were you ever told as to who was

going to be following up with the, with the

Pickton case --

RIC HALL: No.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: -- when he left?

2 RIC HALL: No.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: So, what did you think ever happened to the

4 Pickton case after that meeting with Henley and

5 the surveillance had kind of stopped and -- did

6 you just --

7 RIC HALL: Everybody just went about their business and

8 carried on doing whatever the work they had to get

9 done. As I said, I don't ever recall anybody

10 coming to me and saying, like, as you described

11 it.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: McCartney --

13 RIC HALL: Yeah, "We've got this elephant in the room."

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

15 RIC HALL: "Here's this box."

16 JENNIFER EVANS: That's right.

17 RIC HALL: "This file."

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. We seem to keep hearing, when we're

19 reading everything, that there, the missing women

20 were going missing, at least 27 of them, and at

21 some point there is higher numbers, but the bottom

22 line is, because there is no body, there is no

23 evidence, we've got no evidence of a crime, so

24 they're just missing women. Did you ever hear

25 that theme throughout, or at any of the meetings

you went to, or any of the discussions with

regards to the missing women?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: I don't -- are you talking about the chiefs
meeting?
2

3 JENNIFER EVANS: No, even in your own office in Coquitlam.

4 RIC HALL: No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: No? Did you ever hear that at the chiefs
6 meetings?

7 RIC HALL: No, I, I don't ever recall the Vancouver folks
ever talking about it.
8

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Did you ever have to have conversation
10 with -- your boss I guess was Gary Bass at the
11 time?

12 RIC HALL: Uhm, my boss would have been, at that time,
'99, 2000, --
13

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

15 RIC HALL: -- Coquitlam was what you would call an
autonomous detachment. All the bigger detachments
16 were --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Independent on their own?

18 RIC HALL: Supposed to be. As much as you can be
independent in the RCMP.
19

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

21 RIC HALL: Uhm, so, if I had anything, I would have gone
through the contract policing officer or, uhm --
22 which would, at that time, probably have been the
chief superintendent.
23

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

25 RIC HALL: Gary Bass, he had started -- he was an
inspector. Then he kept bouncing up.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

2 RIC HALL: But he wasn't the boss of the division at that
3 time. It was Murray Johnson, Larry Proke, and
4 then Bev Busson and -- oh, uhm, there was a Watt.
5 He was the deputy commissioner before Busson. So,
6 there was a whole series of players in there that
7 were at the top end of the division here.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: And did you ever have an occasion to fill them
9 in about the Pickton --

10 RIC HALL: No.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: -- investigation prior to '02?

12 RIC HALL: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

14 RIC HALL: And I would throw this out. I would have
15 thought, you know, if there was some concern from
16 anybody --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

18 RIC HALL: -- that somebody would have been picking up
19 the phone and saying, "You have got this problem
20 out there. What are you doing about it?" --

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

22 RIC HALL: -- or "How can we help you?" or "What should
23 we be doing?" or "Why aren't you doing
24 something?" Uhm, and the same from Vancouver,
25 nobody ever picked up the phone and called and
said, "You've got this guy out there." So,
whatever was being done was being done at the
front end with the investigators.

26 JENNIFER EVANS: And no one ever phoned you and said, "Hey,
27 we've got to, we've got to work together on this"?

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: You never received any phone calls from anyone
3 from Vancouver City Police?

4 RIC HALL: No.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: And did you ever meet with Geramy Field when
6 she came out and meet with your officers at all?

7 RIC HALL: No.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: She was a sergeant at the time? Because
9 August -- January 12th, 2000, Inspector Moulton
10 met with Sergeant Field regarding Pickton, and at
11 that time, they talked about identifying a
12 timeline for his location and tracking devices,
13 surveillances, and then he talked about profiling
14 him and who were his associates and all that sort
15 of stuff.

16 So, you obviously were unaware of this
17 meeting? This was in January. So, this is, like,
18 six months after Corporal Connor gets transferred
19 in August. Now we're into January 2000. Were you
20 aware of any of that?

21 RIC HALL: No.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Were you aware that he was actually
23 interviewed on January 19th, 2000, Pickton? Ruth
24 Yurkiw and John Cater did an interview of him?

25 RIC HALL: I'm aware of it now.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. But at the time?

2 RIC HALL: At the time, no.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, obviously in February 2000,

4 Corporal McCartney, that's when he starts

5 reviewing the file, and that's clearly when he

6 identifies it as an elephant in the room.

7 He meets up with ViCLAS, Keith Davidson and

8 the profiler, Scott Filer, and they talk about,

9 "Let's -- hey, why don't we send the DNA from the

10 1997 incident in for testing to see what, what

11 it's going to reveal to us." You were never made

12 aware of any of those discussions?

13 RIC HALL: (No verbal response)

14 JENNIFER EVANS: And Brad Zalys, as the staff sergeant at the

15 time, it indicates in his interview, in Williams'

16 review in 2002, that he approached Earl Moulton

17 several times to discuss the Pickton file, and

18 Moulton says:

19 Priorities are the current cases and the

20 current and we only have resources. . .

21 So, what -- how do you -- how do we defend

22 that, that if someone is going to say, "How could

23 you not look at the missing women as a priority"?

24 RIC HALL: Hmm, that's a tough one to answer.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: And you were -- Earl Moulton never came to you

RIC HALL

1 and said, "This is" --

2 RIC HALL: No.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- "This is, this is an issue being addressed

4 to me, that they keep talking of this elephant in

5 the room, what are we going to do with this?"

6 RIC HALL: I do not recall that happening.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And did anyone in Coquitlam ever

8 discuss with you that, "We should create a task

9 force dedicated to this project alone"? And I

10 think one of the officers actually said, "What we

11 needed to do was treat this like Olson. Give me

12 10 people, give me a task force, take away all my

13 other pressures and priorities so I can focus on

14 Pickton alone." Did anyone ever come to you --

15 RIC HALL: No.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: -- with this to say -- would you have had the

17 resources to do that at the time?

18 RIC HALL: In, internally at Coquitlam? No. We would

19 have had to draw from other units.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: But if someone had made a case for it, is it

21 possible that could have occurred?

22 RIC HALL: Could have.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Uhm, in November of 2000, the RCMP

24 appoint Don Adam to be assigned to head off

25 Project Evenhanded. Did you ever have any say, or

RIC HALL

1 were you involved in any meetings to discuss this,
2 how Don Adam became selected to --

3 RIC HALL: No.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: -- lead this investigation?

5 RIC HALL: No. And I know Don Adam.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, did you ever, did you lose any
7 officers from your Coquitlam Serious Crime Unit to
8 go and assist with Evenhanded, as a result of that
9 commencement of that joint forces operation?

10 RIC HALL: It wasn't Evenhanded at that time, right?

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Uhm, November 2000, it's discussed, and in
12 January 2001, I think I think it --

13 RIC HALL: But were they calling it --

14 JENNIFER EVANS: -- becomes Project Evenhanded.

15 RIC HALL: -- "Evenhanded" at the time?

16 MR. MAJAWA: It was.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

18 RIC HALL: Okay. Uhm, I, I can't recall. We lost people
19 to a lot of different projects, but I don't -- I
20 can't recall if we lost anybody to the Missing
21 Women.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

21 RIC HALL: It could have been.

22 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you weren't involved in organizing the MOU
23 for any of that?

24 RIC HALL: No.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: No.

2 JENNIFER EVANS: So, did you ever have a conversation with Don

3 Adam regarding Dave Pickton and the fact that you

4 guys are looking at him and he could be a good

5 suspect for the missing women?

6 RIC HALL: No.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Did you receive any updates, once Project

8 Evenhanded started up in January 2001, about what

9 investigative strategies they were doing or --

10 RIC HALL: No. I won't say "no". I will just say I

11 don't recall actually because --

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

13 RIC HALL: But I don't recall receiving anything.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. I've got here, on October 15th, 2001,

15 Inspector Moulton was in a meeting with Doug

16 Henderson and Gary Bass and was told by Henderson

17 that the missing person family -- they had a

18 meeting with the missing person families -- and

19 that they were very, the families were very upset

20 with the police response to the missing women

21 investigation, specifically the Vancouver City

22 Police, and as a result, more personnel would have

23 to be dedicated to this job. Were you ever made

24 aware of this meeting, that the -- they met with

25 the family members of missing women in the

RIC HALL

1 Downtown Eastside?

2 RIC HALL: I don't recall. What, what -- that was --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: October 15th, 2001.

4 RIC HALL: Hmm. Ah, Moulton wasn't there then, was he,
5 in Coquitlam?

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Well, it says here he was in a meeting. So, I
7 don't know if he was in a meeting because he was
8 in contract policing?

9 RIC HALL: Yeah, he, he moved on --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

11 RIC HALL: -- from Coquitlam to "E" Division
12 headquarters.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. And he would be, if he was in contract
14 policing, he would be then -- people would go to
15 him to look for resources?

16 RIC HALL: Exactly. Yes.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Were you aware of the large number of
18 missing women and unsolved homicides that were
19 outstanding in the province at that time, or even
20 the Lower Mainland? Yesterday, Earl Moulton was
21 talking about the fact that, and I'm not sure his
22 numbers are correct, but he kept quoting the
23 number 7 to 800 unsolved homicides.

24 RIC HALL: As far as missing persons are concerned, --

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: -- okay, like I said earlier, --

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Listening to the media?

3 RIC HALL: -- listening to the radio, the newspapers --

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 RIC HALL: -- about the Downtown Eastside? Uhm, I think
6 I would say, for the rest of the province, I
wouldn't be aware of that.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Back to the comments in the will say
8 here, that you had faith in the investigators'
9 experience, and I think you are talking about
10 Frank Henley, and you had trusted their judgement.
11 Did you have a lot of exposure to Frank Henley
12 over your career, that you knew him as an
13 investigator?

14 RIC HALL: Well, he was at Surrey Detachment on the
15 Serious Crime --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Oh, okay.

17 RIC HALL: -- Section when I was the operations officer
18 there, so. And Don Adam on the Serious Crime
Section in Surrey, --

19 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

20 RIC HALL: -- as was Justason and Marg Kingsbury. Uh, so
21 I, I know all those people --

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

23 RIC HALL: -- from working at Surrey Detachment.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

25 RIC HALL: Yeah, we went through some pretty trying times
there in Surrey, on some of the cases that we had.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

2 RIC HALL: Again, because we didn't have IHIT in those
3 days.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

5 RIC HALL: That was, like, '94 to, or pardon me, '89 to
6 '94 for me at Surrey. And yeah, we were, we were
running full tilt.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

8 RIC HALL: The plainclothes units.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. So, you had a lot of -- you trusted
10 his experience?

11 RIC HALL: Yes.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: So, when he said to you, "I think this girl is
13 lying" or "she's not lying" --

14 RIC HALL: Yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: -- you believed that -- you would trust his
16 judgement?

17 RIC HALL: Yes.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Were you aware that, in March of 2001, Frank
19 Henley goes and pays a visit, a social visit I
20 think he called it, to Pickton's house, the farm,
21 just on his own?

22 RIC HALL: No.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Without notifying anyone in the Serious Crime
24 Unit who were working on Pickton as a suspect,
25 just to have a chat with him? Do you think that's

RIC HALL

1 unusual police behaviour to do that, to not know
2 anybody, not have a current update on the case --
3 RIC HALL: Well, I can't put it into context of why he
4 did it or, you know.
5 JENNIFER EVANS: Was it unusual though? Is --
6 RIC HALL: Yeah, it would seem a little unusual, yeah.
7 Particularly if all this is going on behind the
8 scenes, they're looking at this guy.
9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.
10 RIC HALL: He could have ended up dead.
11 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. Were you ever made aware that in --
12 when Corporal Connor was investigating Pickton, he
13 came across an occurrence number from 1990, where,
14 as an assist call from Surrey Detachment for an
15 officer to do a drive-by at the Coquitlam farm
16 with regards to a sex assault on a sex trade
17 worker in January of 1990? And that Don Adam --
18 RIC HALL: '90?
19 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. And Don Adam had been contacted by
20 Corporal Connor and didn't have notes and had no
21 recollection of the incident. Were you ever --
22 RIC HALL: Are you talk --
23 JENNIFER EVANS: 1990. So, Connor deals with his victim in
24 1997 --
25 RIC HALL: He would have been a corporal then.
JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: He was? In 1990?

2 JENNIFER EVANS: Corporal Connor? No, Don Adam. I don't know

3 what rank he would have been at the time, in 1990.

4 RIC HALL: Constable.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: He was working in the Surrey Detachment.

6 RIC HALL: Okay.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: So --

8 RIC HALL: Maybe I misunderstood what you said there.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah. So, I'll take you through the timeline

10 here.

11 RIC HALL: Yeah.

12 JENNIFER EVANS: So, Connor deals with this victim in 1997 for

13 the sex assault and attempt murder on that victim.

14 In '98, '99, he starts getting information that

15 Pickton may be responsible for the missing women

16 in Vancouver. And at some point, he comes across,

17 when they're doing PIRS checks, --

18 RIC HALL: Yes.

19 JENNIFER EVANS: -- he comes across an occurrence number

20 relating to a sex assault from 1990, and when he

21 does a little digging further, finds out that Don

22 Adam had requested an officer in Coquitlam -- he

23 was in Surrey at the time -- do a drive-by at the

24 Pickton farm with regards to a sex assault. Were

25 you, were you ever made aware of that

RIC HALL

1 information --

2 RIC HALL: No.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: -- with regards to Pickton and Corporal

4 Connor?

5 RIC HALL: No.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Was the large number of unsolved

7 homicides or missing women investigations ever

8 discussed at regional commander meetings with you

9 at that time, like, as a police priority for the

10 RCMP?

11 RIC HALL: No. The only -- just -- the only time I can

12 recall when Don Adam -- when Evenhanded had moved

13 onto the farm, he came and gave a briefing to the

14 BC chiefs of police on what they were doing at the

15 farm. But I don't ever recall it being mentioned

16 at any other meeting --

17 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

18 RIC HALL: -- or that, that -- I mean, it could have

19 been, possibly been said, that, you know, "We

20 still, we've still got all these missing women in

21 Vancouver and we are still looking into it."

22 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

23 RIC HALL: It could have been said. I mean, a lot of

24 things get discussed over the -- generally those

25 meetings are --

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

27 RIC HALL: -- a few days long.

28 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

29 RIC HALL: So, you know, there is a whole bunch of things

30 on the agenda.

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 RIC HALL: So, it might have been talked about but --

3 JENNIFER EVANS: But you don't recall it being a priority for

4 the RCMP at the time?

5 RIC HALL: Not until they got involved with --

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Pickton in --

7 RIC HALL: Yeah.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- 2002? Or 2001, Project Evenhanded?

9 RIC HALL: Yeah.

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, you were still in Coquitlam when,

11 in February 2002, a search warrant is done --

12 RIC HALL: Yes.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- by a young officer, Wells --

14 RIC HALL: Nathan Wells, yes.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: -- for firearms. And this is really kind of

16 when everything becomes exposed.

17 RIC HALL: Yes.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: So, you were still there?

19 RIC HALL: Yes.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: So, what information were you given at that

21 point? Do you remember?

22 RIC HALL: I arrived at work and was told that we've got

23 a whole pile of people at the Pickton farm. So, I

24 drove over there and, I mean, it was just all

25 unfolding and there was people on the roadway and

news crews. And so I got a quick update on what

was happening, and my operations officer at the

time was there, and --

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: And that is Earl Moulton?

2 RIC HALL: No.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: No --

4 RIC HALL: Dave Debolt.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

6 RIC HALL: So, basically we were securing the scene and,
7 uhm, "E" Division Serious Crime, it could have
8 been the -- probably was the Missing Women's Task
9 Force --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

11 RIC HALL: -- started coming in and fences were going up.
12 And basically we helped secure the scene until
13 they could get all their ducks in a row and take
14 over the site.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

16 RIC HALL: Yeah.

17 JENNIFER EVANS: So, once it's discovered, after February 5th,
18 2002, that Pickton was, it looks like, likely a
19 suspect for all the missing women, uhm, did anyone
20 at that time approach you saying, "Okay, we've got
21 concerns," or, "Hey, this elephant in the room
22 never did get addressed and" --

23 RIC HALL: No.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Never, never discussed with you at all, even
25 at that time?

26 RIC HALL: No. It's, it was kind of like, we had this
27 thing happen in our jurisdiction. You know, like,
28 wow, and then all of a -- you know, it was just
29 taken over by the task force. And the only

RIC HALL

1 follow-up to it all was dealing with the City of
2 Port Coquitlam and their concerns that they were
3 going to get this huge bill to handle this
investigation, and fortunately for them, the
province stepped in and took over the funding, so.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

5 RIC HALL: It would have broke them.

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

7 RIC HALL: No. And I should say that there was the
8 follow-up thing done by Bob Williams.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

10 RIC HALL: And that was the only --

11 JENNIFER EVANS: That was it?

12 RIC HALL: Yes.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, what was your reaction when, all of
14 a sudden, you heard this? Did you have anything,
15 "Hey, I remember hearing about Pickton in 1999 and
16 my guys were looking at this guy"?

17 RIC HALL: Just, wow.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: That's it?

19 RIC HALL: Like, "What have we got here?"

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

21 RIC HALL: I mean, even at the time, we didn't know how
22 many bodies would be found there.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah, I know.

24 RIC HALL: It was just, like, "Okay, we found evidence,
25 and where does that lead us to now."

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Uhm, hindsight, as you know, is always
2 20/20. So, I'm sure, over the years, you have
3 probably given this a lot of thought, driving back
4 and forth. Is there anything you look back now
5 and think, "Okay, we could have, should have done
6 better or sooner or" --

7 RIC HALL: Yeah.

8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- from your perspective?

9 RIC HALL: Clearly, hearing what I've heard now, I wish
10 some people had stepped forward and said, "We've
11 got" -- I hate to keep using this -- "but this
elephant in the room."

12 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

13 RIC HALL: Obviously, there is people at the front end
14 knew certain things and had concerns. And the
15 fact that young Nathan Wells was aware that the
task force was interested in Pickton --

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm?

17 RIC HALL: -- and got ahold of him.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

19 RIC HALL: So, amongst themselves, clearly, they were
20 talking.

21 JENNIFER EVANS: Corporal Connor actually, after getting
22 promoted to the sergeant rank, then actually then
23 returns later on --

24 RIC HALL: Yes.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: -- while you were still in command and goes

RIC HALL

1 back to the Serious Crime Unit.

2 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

3 JENNIFER EVANS: From what I understand though, doesn't take

4 responsibility over the Pickton case because other

5 priorities keep coming in. Uhm, did you ever have

6 any discussion with him after? Did he ever

7 approach you --

8 RIC HALL: No.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: -- and discuss his concerns --

10 RIC HALL: No.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or his disappointment --

12 RIC HALL: No.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: -- or how he was feeling as a result?

14 RIC HALL: No, he had other things going on and that's

15 what he was dealing with.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. So, I think that's it for my questions.

17 Usually I take a break here and I give you an

18 opportunity to discuss any questions, but I will

19 leave you with two thoughts, because then I'll

20 come back in and then we'll turn the tapes on and

21 then I will ask you this question again.

22 The two questions I am going to end with is,

23 one is, are there any suggestions or

24 recommendations that you would have, that you

25 would like to put through me, with regards to

RIC HALL

1 improving missing women investigations or cross-
2 jurisdictional cases, investigations?

3 RIC HALL: Hm-hmm.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: And are there -- is there anything that I
5 haven't asked you today, that you actually thought
6 I would ask you, or that you think is important
7 for us to know in doing our review, that you would
8 like to tell me about?

9 And then I'll turn the tapes off and then I
10 will take a break. So, we'll step outside so that
11 you can talk to --

12 RIC HALL: I'm good to go.

13 MR. MAJAWA: If you are tired or -- I am happy to go too.

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Then we'll just keep going.

15 So, are there are any suggestions,
16 recommendations that you would like to put forward
17 through me? For a missing person investigation,
18 how do we improve missing person investigations or
19 multi-jurisdictional major case investigations?

20 RIC HALL: Yes. Well, as far as missing persons is
21 concerned, I think you will find that there's been
22 some big, big changes on how -- I can't speak for
municipal departments, but how the RCMP handles
missing persons.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

24 RIC HALL: Uhm, and probably as a result of this.
25 And as far as multi -- you're probably
getting at regional policing?

RIC HALL

1 JENNIFER EVANS: No, I'm not. I'm just asking --

2 RIC HALL: No?

3 JENNIFER EVANS: No, I'm not --

4 RIC HALL: Okay.

5 JENNIFER EVANS: -- getting at anything. I am actually just

6 saying, are there any recommendations you would

7 have?

8 RIC HALL: And I think that there are -- have been major

9 improvements in how we do inter-jurisdictional

investigations --

10 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

11 RIC HALL: -- with the IHIT of the world that we have

12 now.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: The integrated units?

14 RIC HALL: Which is -- Vancouver does not participate in.

15 I think all the other municipal departments do

participate.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

17 RIC HALL: Maybe. But you can -- you could check on

18 that. I'm not sure. Uhm, which is unfortunate,

19 because if you are going to be truly integrated,

it would seem good to have the, one of the major

players involved.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Yeah.

21 RIC HALL: Uhm, the RCMP itself, just looking back, and

22 seeing where we are at today, has changed

23 drastically as far as having -- really, we're

calling ourselves a regional, a regional police

service.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

25 RIC HALL: You know, as far as all the RCMP detachments

are concerned. I think, I, personally, I have

RIC HALL

1 never ran into difficulties communicating with,
2 within our own organization. If we needed help,
3 we could always go to other detachments or other
4 units and seek help. Again, depending on their
5 priorities. And the division -- or the provincial
6 units --

7 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

8 RIC HALL: -- that are provincially funded, the same
9 thing. If we feel that we need them, we can go to
10 them. If they can free bodies up to assist, then
11 they would do that. So, we have all those
12 different services that are at our fingertips.
13 So, in some respects, the RCMP has created a
14 regional police service --

15 JENNIFER EVANS: Right.

16 RIC HALL: -- in the Lower Mainland, albeit we still have
17 all these other jurisdictions.
18 And as far as heading towards a regional
19 police service, uhm, with the way this Lower
20 Mainland is structured, as far as the, all the
21 different cities, they would have to get them
22 melded together to get some sort of form of
23 consensus, or the province would have to step in
24 and order it.
25 But having just dealt with a detachment that
had two cities and two summer villages, and trying
to keep them happy, I don't know how you would
keep all these cities happy, --

26 JENNIFER EVANS: Hm-hmm.

27 RIC HALL: -- with trying to create a regional police
28 service, because everybody has different
29 expectations of their police force.

30 JENNIFER EVANS: Yes.

31 RIC HALL: Port Moody, no call too small. West
32 Vancouver, no call too small. The Surreys of the
33 world, they just keep on trying to respond to all
34 the calls for service that we get every day.

35 JENNIFER EVANS: Hmm. Okay.

RIC HALL

1 RIC HALL: So, personally, I think the government has to
2 step in, if this is what they want to do, and I
3 don't know whether there is the political will to
4 do that.
5 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And what about any questions that I
6 haven't asked you that you thought --
7 RIC HALL: No, I think --
8 JENNIFER EVANS: -- that it's important --
9 RIC HALL: -- you have asked everything. I can't think
10 of anything that I thought you would ask me that
11 you haven't.
12 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. Anything else you want to say before I
13 conclude the interview?
14 RIC HALL: Can't think of anything.
15 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. It's 11:41.

16 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED)

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SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE

(RETIRED) SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD DAVID HALL

This will-say is intended to capture additional information about the conduct of the investigation not set out in the relevant investigative file and other RCMP records and in particular, investigative decisions or information, applicable policies and management structures as well as institutional obstacles and resourcing challenges relevant to the time period and events.

WITNESS BACKGROUND

Supt Richard (Ric) Hall has been a member of the RCMP since December 2, 1965. His full employment history is set out in the attached Curriculum Vitae (Appendix "A").

Of particular interest to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference is the period from May 1998 to October 2004, during which Supt Hall was posted as Officer in Charge, Superintendent at the Coquitlam detachment.

SUPT HALL'S ROLE IN COQUITLAM

Supt Hall's role in the Coquitlam detachment was mainly administrative in nature. He worked with the cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam to determine policing resources and priorities.

Although Supt Hall determined resource allocation between the General Duty and the Plainclothes section, the balancing of resources within the detachment, as well as investigative oversight fell to the Inspectors¹. Supt Hall would only be involved with resource issues or investigative decisions if there were an impasse.

Generally, when Supt Hall attended meetings regarding specific investigations, he did so as an observer.

POLICING RESOURCES IN THE CITIES OF COQUITLAM AND PORT COQUITLAM

The cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam paid for 90% of the policing services they receive from the RCMP. The Federal Government contributes the remaining 10%.

¹ Between July 1996 and November 1999, Inspector Moulton was the only Inspector in the Coquitlam detachment. He was in charge of both the general duty and plainclothes units. In November 1999, Inspector Debolt joined the detachment as officer in charge of general duty while Inspector Moulton remained in the plainclothes unit.

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Between the two cities, Coquitlam paid for two-third of the policing cost while Port Coquitlam paid the remaining one-third. There was also a complement of three provincially funded members that were assigned to the large provincial area of the detachment which included the villages of Anmore and Belcarra.

Supt Hall regularly attended police committee meetings and mayors in council meetings in order to discuss policing services and priorities. Supt Hall was responsible for making police resourcing requests to the municipalities. Up until 2004, the two cities were not able to agree on increasing policing resources, which contributed to the resource shortage issues.

POLICING RESOURCES AT COQUITLAM RCMP DETACHMENT

Supt Hall recalls that Coquitlam Detachment had one of the highest police to population ratio in the Lower Mainland.² In addition, during the timeframe relevant to the Inquiry, there were unusually large vacancy patterns. The factors that contributed to these patterns include:

- Depot shutting down in 1999, so there were no new recruits for a period of time;
- Loss of experienced people, who were not being replaced at level;
- Secondments to other long term projects were not being back-filled;
- Members in the plainclothes unit asking for transfers out due to stress and the positions were not being back-filled; and
- Shortage of funding from the cities.

ROBERT PICKTON INVESTIGATION

Supt Hall did not have direct involvement in the Pickton investigation although he recalls being briefed by Insp Moulton from time to time.

Supt Hall recalls speaking to Cpl Henley in Insp Moulton's office about a witness that was recanting and not credible. Supt Hall had faith in the investigators' experience and trusted their judgment and therefore did not interfere with the investigative decisions.

Supt Hall also recalls the period of intense surveillance in August 1999, which garnered no results. Supt Hall understood that the subsequent decision to do a cold interview of Robert Pickton was a last resort.

Supt Hall was not aware that Cpl Connor requested to stay on the Pickton file after his promotion. However, Supt Hall believes it would have been unusual for Connor to stay on the file after his promotion because it would not be consistent with typical RCMP practice.

² Up to 2004, the ratio was approximately 1 officer to 1000 residents.

The summer of 1999 was the last the Supt Hall recalls hearing about the Pickton investigation until the search warrant was executed on the farm on February 5, 2002.

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Mr. Norm Cook, City Manager
Coquitlam
Mr. Tony Chong, Administrator
Port Coquitlam

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Superintendent Ric Hall
Officer in Charge
Coquitlam Detachment

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Resourcing - Coquitlam Detachment

There has been considerable media and public attention paid recently to the state of resource levels within the RCMP throughout the province of British Columbia. I thought I should present to you our current situation and some of the problems we will be facing over the next few months and how we may be adversely affected.

Coquitlam Detachment Establishment - May 19, 1999 - 161 police officers.

Coquitlam - 109 Port Coquitlam - 48 Provincial - 3 Federal - 1

Shortages: 1 Corporal - General Duty position.
7 Constables - 5 transferred 2 Leave Without Pay (LWOP)
1 Corporal Off Duty Sick (ODS) long term- not expected to return
1 Sergeant ODS - long term - date of return unknown.
2 Constables off on maternity leave - due to return in a month

Total: 12 positions vacant

The vacant Corporal position should be filled in the next month when the next cycle of promotional moves takes place. My hope is that the successful candidate will be from the Lower Mainland area, thus being able to take up his/her position in short order, rather than having to wait for a physical relocation to take place from somewhere outside of the Lower Mainland.

I am anticipating within the next two weeks that there will two additional LWOP requests that will be approved by our Division Hqs.

We have four Constables who have been transferred and will be leaving Coquitlam Detachment during the summer, most likely July.

There is a Constable being transferred in from Vancouver in July and another returning off LWOP from another location who will arrive in September.

Unless things changed drastically for the better, which I do not anticipate, Coquitlam Detachment will be running with a shortage somewhere in the area of **eleven positions** by the middle of the summer.

As you know during the spring and early summer transfers are a way of life for RCMP members and usually everything balances out when the incoming members replace the outgoing. This may not be the case this year. You can rest assured that I am continuously working with our Staffing & Personnel Career Managers to ensure that we are getting adequate resources sent our way to keep our human resource level at an adequate level. It is very clear to me that with retirements and promotional moves taking place the front end number of Constables is being depleted to fill off vacancies, not only at Coquitlam but throughout the province.

We have no control over maternity leave, members being off duty sick or even members seeking LWOP for "care and nurturing" for family needs. If our levels continue to plummet this will have an adverse effect on those left to do the job and I fear if the burden becomes too great on them, I will see an increase in numbers of our members off duty sick.

With the shortages we now face my primary focus is to ensure that we maintain an adequate level of General Duty first responders. Answering the first calls for service is what the public expects and we have to have enough resources on the road in order to do that and also provide for police officer safety. I have had to look at all our speciality sections to see where we can draw resources from. In some cases positions on our plainclothes sections will sit vacant due to an outgoing transfer. To that end I have had to take members from the Traffic Section and place them on a Watch. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator's position will be left vacant when the incumbent leaves this summer on transfer. I have vacant positions in our plainclothes units which will not be filled in the near future.

I regret having to leave those positions empty, as it increases the workload on those left, and may place the goodwill built up with their clients in jeopardy, but as I alluded to earlier we must be able to respond to those first calls for service.

Mayors and Councils of both cities approved three additional police officers this year (two - Coquitlam, one - Port Coquitlam), clearly from the problems I have noted above I cannot see those positions being filled for a very long period of time.

Currently our Training Center in Regina has approval for four troops of 24 for this fiscal year - 96 cadets. British Columbia is currently short more than 200 RCMP members. I am told none of those 96 will come to this province as they have been slated for other regions of the country. Our Division management has requested 200 cadets for this division. Our national Senior Executive Committee is deciding whether we have the funds available to put another six troops - 144 cadets, on top of the four already slated, through training. At the minimum we would not see cadets arriving on our doorsteps until April 2000. But as it stands today there is only approval for 96 cadets.

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I wish I could be more upbeat as to our resourcing at the local level, but I am afraid we may go from bad to worse. I have laid this out for you as I am aware that RCMP resourcing levels will be raised at the UBCM. I thought I should provide you with "big picture" as far as Coquitlam Detachment is concerned.

I would ask that this information be shared with your respective Mayors. I am available at your convenience to discuss further.

Finally, I have attached a "Notice of Motion" put forward by the Burnaby council which will be discussed at their June 24 meeting which is reflective of their concerns over RCMP staffing issues in their city.

Ric Hall Superintendent
Officer in Charge
Coquitlam Detachment

This is the statement of Chief Superintendent Earl MOULTON (regimental no. 0.1694), Deputy Criminal Operations Officer, Contract "E" Division Headquarters, 5255 Heather Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, telephone number (604) 264-2229, taken September 27, 2002, at 09:26 hours, by Staff Sergeant Kevin SIMMILL of the RCMP "K" Division Major Crimes North and Inspector Bob WILLIAMS, OIC Major Crimes North Section, "K" Division.

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START TAPE - SIDE A

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Okay, the date is the 27th of September, 2002, and the time is 09:26 hrs. This will be the statement of Chief Superintendent Earl MOULTON, M-O-U-L-T-O-N, regimental number 0.1694. Chief MOULTON is the Deputy Criminal Operations Officer, Contract "E" Division Headquarters at 5255 Heather Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, telephone number 604-264-2229. In the room is Inspector Bob WILLIAMS, Officer in Charge Major Crimes North "K" Division and Staff Sergeant Kevin SIMMILL, it's S-I-M-M-I-L-L, Ops Support NCO Major Crimes North. The statement is taken in Chief Superintendent MOULTON's office. Good morning, sir.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Thanks, Kevin.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: You're well aware of why we're here today with respect to or on behalf of your Commanding Officer in "E" Division in regard to an external review that has been requested by Helen ROBERTS who is the RCMP Civil Litigation lawyer by my understanding. Sir, this surrounds your time in Coquitlam Detachment and an individual by the name of Robert William PICKTON and Lynn ELLINGSEN. If you could for us, Sir, in detail just give us a general overview of your involvement with Mr. PICKTON, ELLINGSEN, and the investigative team and what was happening at the time. Thank you.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Thanks, Kevin. I went to Coquitlam Detachment in July of 1996 and left in June of 2002. And during that period I was the Operations Officer at Coquitlam Detachment, although in 99 I believe there was a second Inspector added at that time. my function at that time was the ... looking after the Plainclothes portion of the Detachment function. In 96 we dealt with ... or

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I dealt with the PICKTON's personally in respect of the ... the Piggy's Palace issue and liquor licensing and a bunch of other issues so that the family came to my attention at that time. The ... the ELLINGSEN file which came to the fore in 97, I recall the file, I unders ... or recollect the handling of it and the fact that ultimately a stay was entered based on the credibility of Lynn ELLINGSEN.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: That'd be VIC97

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS VIC97

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Or VIC97 rather, sorry. Why they both have to be "E"s, I don't know. And VIC97 which was a result of the mutual stabbing at the PICKTON farm and the follow-up investigation coincidentally dealt with involving a grow operation next door and then the follow-up at the time in my normal review port ... or processes, I felt that the file had been properly and fully handled. During 1999, we received information that PICKTON might be involved with the disappearance of the ... the sex trade workers from downtown east side. When that information came forward I was briefed and we attempted to ... to support the information. My recollection is that there was some Crimestoppers information and information that came from Lynn ELLINGSEN, and my recollection is hazy whether that was one and the same because I know we attempted to get behind Crimestoppers tip, which is unique in my experience. In ... in doing that we received a variety of different information, or I guess I should just say different information at different times from ELLINGSEN, and we attempted in a variety of ways to corroborate that information to ... to get some basis on which we could proceed either by ... by UCO, by Part VI. We did canvass in my recollection the possibilities of other investigative ways. We did employ the services of Special "O" and I believe Vancouver Strike Force to initiate surveillance on PICKTON for a period of time, I believe weeks. None ... nothing came of that surveillance that ... that I recall that significantly altered the state of any ... of any information.

During that period of time our attempts to corroborate ELLINGSEN resulted in ... in terms of a credibility or in our ability to ... to advance that information I would say was lessened during that time, especially if you were to try and rely on that information for a Part VI or ... or other means of investigation. With ... my recollection is that I met on three occasions in our boardroom in Coquitlam with a variety of individuals, our Coquitlam team and representatives from Vancouver and those players changed. I believe Gerry, she's the Sergeant from Vancouver.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Jeremy FIELDS?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah, Jer ... Jeremy FIELDS was there. And there's another very senior detective that since retired.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: There was Detective CHERNOFF and ... and LAPINE (phonetic).

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah. They were there one or two meetings, but there was another ... there's another guy I think. Starts with a "B".

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Oh, BALLANTYNE.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: From Unsolved ...

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: He's ... he hasn't retired.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: No, this is another guy that was ...

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: McKNIGHT?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: No, Jim's still there. ... and my ... my recollection may not be ... be accurate. And at one point ... BIBBLECOMBE (phonetic) I believe in the last meeting was involved. Also involved were the people from our unsolved ... I believe it was the unsolved from division who were also involved in the ...

the discussions around the viability of ... of PICKTON as a suspect.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I believe Cpl. HENLEY was there for the unsolved.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Frank, yeah.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: And Detective BALLANTYNE from the Vancouver Police Department.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Okay.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: And I think later on ... NASH, Inspector NASH.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Oh, Russ NASH.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Russ NASH was there too.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yes. And I have ... for some reason I got a sense that Don RINN (phonetic) was involved during that time frame as well. we also involved Keith DAVIDSON who was at that time a profiler. And I recall reading the profile that ... that he provided. ...

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Can I ask you a question?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Did ... did DAVIDSON provide a profile on PICKTON?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yes, he did.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: So there was one completed?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yes. And there were ... there were aspects of that that we ... that I eventually discussed with I believe Mike CONNOR and then ultimately with John CATER (phonetic). Because of John's background, that's what his masters is, we eventually had ... moved him into a position where he could devote some

time to the file. And there were some issues there around trying to get ... what I ... what we were looking was trying to get into things like even ... very old school records and things that would buttress the profile so ... to at least corroborate that so again see if we could ever get ourselves to a point where we could move the investigation either by a search warrant or Part VI or by some means move that forward. I'm not sure if I've covered all those points.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Just if you will, Sir, with respect to financial and resources as the investigation progressed and is there a point where the investigation may have stalled because of other things? Just along those lines?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah. During ... during that time frame both before and after, Coquitlam G.I. was stressed certainly by a number of outstanding matters. There was a constant stream of sexual assaults, both historic and fresh, some murders around that time frame in terms of the Karaoke Murder, the E Lobster Murder, the Domestic Violence Murder on the hill with the three dead. There was a variety of those issues that came along, but right at the time we moved as many resources as we could onto PICKTON. Got Special "O" involved. Special O's involvement was ... they were stressed for ... for resources as well. So we also got Strike Force to take over some of the time frame. One of the considerations ... explicit considerations at the time of getting Special "O" on board was that at what point or under what circumstances do you withdraw that surveillance? And recognizing that there's no ... there is no good answer to that, we still felt we'd ... we'd move ahead with the ... the surveillance. So I could ... my recollection is with a two or three week time frame that we'd continually assess the information. We were ... we were using our G.I. resources and those I believe of the Unsolved to track down ELLINGSEN to deal with those issues, and then using other resources to buttress Special "O" and provide the ride-alongs, etc. The funding issue really didn't arise. We simply didn't have enough bodies to create a ... as my recollection ... a funding issue. At the local level certainly we would ... we wouldn't be able to

fund it. But I ... I was certainly confident we could've retained the funding if that became necessary.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Do you feel that there was ample steps taken to verify ELLINGSEN's?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yes. I ... I don't ... I can't ... still can't think of another way of ... at that time frame we also went back and ... and relooked at the VIC97 file. We engaged Crown in discussions of whether we could reactivate that file in order to ... to try and deal with PICKTON again. And I believe we ... we tracked down VIC97 again to see what else we could get there.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: So you're satisfied then that every step ... every possible step was taken to verify the ... ELLINGSEN's allegations or what she talked about?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yes.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Did ... did ... Was senior management from our Force ever briefed on ... on this? Were they aware of the contents of Lynn ELLINGSEN's allegations?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: I recollect a conversation I had with Gary BASS I believe at the time.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Okay.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: And Gary was well informed. And ... and I kept Rick HALL (phonetic) involved as well at Coquitlam Detachment.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I think Brad ZALYS might've been the Staff Sergeant of Plainclothes.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: He was the Staff Sergeant.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Was he ... did he keep pretty good ...?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Certainly, he was involved in all of those meetings.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: And he kept you up to speed on whatever was (unintelligible) ...?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah, as things moved ahead.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Can you detail for us, Sir, ... I understand that Mike CONNOR was originally in charge with the file and then something happened. If you could just explain that?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah, certainly. Mike was a Corporal on G.I. when the file came in and was promoted to Sergeant and moved over to ... I can't ... I'm trying to remember which watch. Anyway, moved back on the general duty side for a period of time. And that ... during that flex, I believe it was Daryl went in. Daryl POLLOCK went into the ... was it Daryl POLLOCK? Yeah, went into the Sergeant's job in G.I.S. and carried the file. We also ... the file moved as I remember with Ruth YURKIW had a piece of it and then we got John CATER moved over from Youth over to G.I. to use his expertise.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: What was your working relationship at the Vancouver Police Department at the time?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: I'd say it was excellent. It was ... it had developed from a variety of bases. But primarily from our OPMC.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I take it you had no problems passing on information to them and they were ... they had access to all the information as well as you had access to their information?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: They certainly had access to all of our information. I don't know the ... the state of the ... the other flow. I do recall them telling us that they had other suspects of ... of at least equal interest to PICKTON.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Do you ... Did you specifically request assistance from any specialized units in our Force, like Major Crimes or Unsolved Homicide Section?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Definitely from Unsolved Homicide, as well as from Keith DAVIDSON as a profiler, and Special "O".

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Do you recall if there was any consideration to ... to do a U ... undercover operation on ELLINGSEN or ... or PICKTON? Was there any ...?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: I believe there ... there was but for some reason I don't believe we went ahead with it, having assessed the viability of it.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: You don't recall ever reading a brief or anything or a discussion surrounding doing a search warrant for the PICKTON farm?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: I think there would be a number of discussions or a ... maybe I should even say a continuing discussion around that. And in fact that would be part of the whole ELLINGSEN issue is trying to get enough so you could take things that next step, whether it was a Part VI or ... or a search warrant. We simply had nothing that was fresh or corroborated that would support the search warrant. And my recollection was we were in contact with Crown on those issues.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Sir, you mentioned the letters ROPC (unintelligible) ...?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: ROPC is the Regional Operational Police Managers Committee, which is essentially the Operations Officers of the various municipal police forces and the RCMP. It's very much of an operational issue and ... and we've achieved a number of successes from it.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Did you ever give any specific instructions to the Coquitlam Major Crime members relative to this investigation? Or did ... or did you just basically let them go on with ... like was there anything specifically that you wanted done?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Well after the ... the initial period and Special "O" had been withdrawn, I'd ... I'd check every so often to make sure it hadn't dropped off the radar, and then eventually moved John

CATER over to do that. From early on, I had come to a sense that this was ... this was if not the guy, he was a guy we had to be on. And given other priorities we ... we should still be keeping him in the radar.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Correct me if I'm wrong, Sir. But the original information that came in through the Crimestoppers was basically dealing with one girl that they suspected that PICKTON may be involved in. Is that correct?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: That's ... my recollection was one that had been hung and there was a description of the fat. that was unique and ... and tended to ... to give us some sense of ... that there ... there was some reliability there. And my sense again is that that was the only one. I also recollect that there was a series of females that we could hook to PICKTON over time. And we attempted to ... to deal with them as well, to get some witness statements or otherwise.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Okay.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Did you ever ... in getting back to the Vancouver P.D. personnel, was ... did you ever feel that there was ... that ... that there was steps ... how can I word this now? That there was steps that Vancouver wanted to do that we didn't wanna do or anything along those lines? Was Vancouver basically on board with everything that was happening?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Ye, certainly during that period that ... that we went ead. again though my recollection is that ... that they had reservations of the viability of PICKTON as a suspect as ... as against to me an unknown number of other viable suspects that they said they had. And it became a question of ... of where you focus the resource.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Would this ... Can you recall if this would've come up at ... at the briefings that ... that there was other suspects in addition to PICKTON?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Ye, it was. For some reason I attach Don RINN to that meeting.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I believe Don RINN was there, I believe Doug HENDERSON might've been there too.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Okay.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Was there any steps that you would've liked to seen done in this investigation that perhaps weren't done?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: There's always things ... I ... I remain convinced we did everything we could. Given unlimited time and unlimited dollars and unlimited people, we maybe would've liked to have stayed you know 24 hour surveillance. You simply can't. as I remember we also discussed going to 24 video surveillance and trying that route. But I ... again I don't believe we had the sufficient legal grounds to support the video surveillance warrant.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Sir, at the beginning of our interview today, in 96 you talked about Piggy's Palace. Would you just explain that a little bit? That's kind of the first time we've heard that so.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: When I first got to Coquitlam was when Piggy's Palace which is on the Burns Road site had just or was in the process of being developed by the PICKTON brothers as a ... as a booze can essentially and would ... they would also occasionally have larger functions where they'd get liquor permits and have a dance or a social of whatever nature. the ... the nature of their clients and such was that we didn't want that going on and we took some steps to ... to interfere and we seized a bunch of kegs of beer and things. As well as work with the POCO (phonetic) Fire Department to assess occupancy rates and things and to keep it shut. And that eventually as I say resulted in the seizures and also resulted in an order of the Liquor Board that any permits for that address wouldn't be issued.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: And who was running that more, Robert or David?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: I dealt more with David and there was another guy, an older guy, I think with an Irish name who was one of the Society Directors. He's a real bonehead, I can't remember his name now.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Okay.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: In 1999 when you ... the first you indicated here you received information concerning PICKTON and the disappearance of the sex trade workers, and you indicated that you were briefed. Do you recall who would've briefed you on that initially?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Probably Mike CONNOR.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Were you aware of whether or not the Detachment personnel at Coquitlam Detachment were aware of your concerns or were aware of the concerns of PICKTON?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Oh yeah.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Was there something put out to the other Detachment people to kinda keep an eye on ... or stop this person or ...?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Ye, it became a matter of general knowledge and ... and that ...

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: The watches, etc. and traffic were briefed?

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Oh, very much so.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Okay.

C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: Yeah.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I don't have any other questions.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Sir, during our conversation here today, is there anything that

Bob and I may have not asked you that you may feel that is important for the purposes of this external review that we haven't covered?

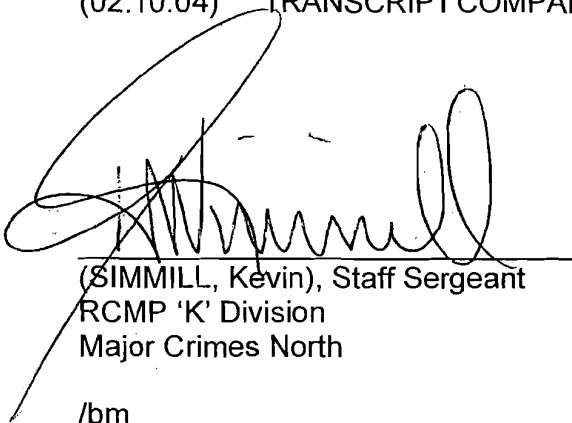
C/Supt. Earl MOULTON: No, I don't think so. No.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Okay, Sir, the interview will end at 9:49 hrs. Thank you very much.

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STATEMENT CONCLUDED AT 09:49 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2002.

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Major Crimes North

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EARL MOULTON

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

2 EARL MOULTON: Uhm, if, if I, if somebody told me that it was
3 going to be Ruth, I would have had no problem with
4 that, because she worked for me in Commercial
5 Crime Section --

6 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

7 EARL MOULTON: -- and I knew she was a very experienced, in
8 fact, she was a lecturer on sex crime courses.
9 So, that wouldn't -- it would have been fine with
10 me.

11 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

12 EARL MOULTON: And around the same time, I moved John Cater
13 from Youth over to Serious Crime --

14 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

15 EARL MOULTON: -- because his MA is on serial killers.

16 JENNIFER EVANS: Right. Uhm --

17 EARL MOULTON: He didn't like that.

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Sorry?

19 EARL MOULTON: He didn't want to.

20 JENNIFER EVANS: He didn't want to? Why is that?

21 EARL MOULTON: Oh, he was having such a -- he was doing a
22 heck of a job in Youth.

23 JENNIFER EVANS: In the youth crime.

24 EARL MOULTON: But, anyway.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: Sometimes it's good to transfer people for
their own good, right? For their own development.

EARL MOULTON: Yeah.

EARL MOULTON

1 JENNIFER EVANS: Just reading the documents, I seem -- there
2 seems to be a constant theme, because there's no
3 body, there's no evidence and there's no crime.
4 They're just missing women. Did that impact on
5 your --

6 EARL MOULTON: No.

7 JENNIFER EVANS: -- assignment of resources to this issue or --

8 EARL MOULTON: None.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: -- this investigation?

10 EARL MOULTON: None whatsoever. I, I shouldn't say that. I
11 mean, if, if you had a crime scene that dictates
12 where you're going to go and what you have got to
13 work with. Uhm, but, I mean, uhm, getting Strike
14 Force to go to work in Coquitlam for a week, or
15 whatever it was they were out there, that's
16 unprecedented. Uhm, now we put -- have got as
17 many resources as we could get --

18 JENNIFER EVANS: Why is it unprecedented?

19 EARL MOULTON: I can't think of one. I can't think of one --

20 JENNIFER EVANS: Strike Force is Vancouver's surveillance team?

21 EARL MOULTON: Yeah. Yeah. And I can't think of another
22 instance where they were assigned to work in
23 another jurisdiction for a period of time.

24 JENNIFER EVANS: And that call obviously would have been made
25 by the management of the Vancouver City Police?

26 EARL MOULTON: Peter Ditchfield I believe.

27 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

28 EARL MOULTON: Yeah.

29 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. And were you aware that in the year

EARL MOULTON

1 '99, late '99, 2000, that women continued to go
2 missing?

3 EARL MOULTON: Yes.

4 JENNIFER EVANS: So, did you keep your investigation -- your
5 superior -- I recall, Gary Bass -- informed of
6 the, of the Coquitlam investigation or the missing
7 women concerns or --

8 EARL MOULTON: I would have kept Ric Hall involved.

9 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay. You didn't have any direct conversation
10 with Gary Bass?

11 EARL MOULTON: Not until we both got promoted in June of
12 2000.

13 JENNIFER EVANS: Okay.

14 EARL MOULTON: Yeah.

15 JENNIFER EVANS: So, I've got here on January 12th -- so,
16 August '99 is when we left you then. January
17 12th, you met with Sergeant Field regarding
18 Pickton, and at that time, there is just notes and
19 it says:
20 Timeline. Inculpatory interview, tracking,
21 surveillance, rape associated to a booze can.
22 And then the question is, was it related to, uhm,
23 Bob Pickton.

24 EARL MOULTON: Hm-hmm.

25 JENNIFER EVANS: The profile of Pickton utilizing ViCLAS and

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1645 Spoke to CI_PERS re. Jandy
 & gave her an update on the
 file. Told her I'd give her
 a call when all done. PID

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OOS - 3 days lost week

98-15346,

Ct. Chan.

Shooting Case

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Gary PID

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1107 YJH meeting with CI_PERS

- Rumors may go ahead with party anyway.
- A' Watch to specifically watch Rumors on days
- one digital channel.
- files to be generated - paper on every file.
- move by-laws

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VICTIM

99-1889

PID

SHOOT

- reported sexual assault on Feb.

RE. MISSOURI.

PID

Carolyn - leave message.

CI_PERS

PID

- step father
- Steve 23 - next court appearance

- had spoken to Insp. Moulton re: returning to OHS about workload & shortages on SEC
- will be members away in long period of time (also supposed to end in Dec but unlikely) many old files continue to be neglected
- need to understand - priority to process new files - work on old cases when we can - not happening!

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00 APR 18 TUESDAY

E-mail sent to Insp. Mantla, Insp. Delott, Supt. Hall & Christine Stanley to deal with deficiencies in interview room - sent April 13th. - issues have not been addressed. - also discussed Picta is. Harro file previous week - also Picta is. for time being - no response.

0955

CI_PERS

PID

- re releasability of
- stay give

PID

00 APR 25 TUESDAY

Arrangements made to go to Drumheller with Col. Spreig

- NCO i/c

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- Red's pager - 1-800-711-5880

- re. Schmidt homicide.

- confirmed with Spreig to go ahead with Miller - approval given by Insp. Mantla as i/c team seems to be dictating timetable.

- also discussed Picta again - if i/c homicide to be responsible - inquiry - deal with that if the time comes! (MCM course - Dix)

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00 APR 26 WEDS

Left for Calgary/Drumheller with Col. Spreig.

0905

Departed Aboteped 1000 Arrived Calgary

1200

- scouted out area ^{west} of town re. location of target

- apparent pipeline being dug for several miles

- checked out target's hotel

1305

arrived Drumheller Dist.

1405

- Alta Time

- met with Col. Kelly Barclay to

1600

ask for assistance re: target

- requested he go to hotel to:

- determine target's room #

- " " work schedule

- " " work schedule on weekends

- that inquiry be done discreetly.

- he agreed to try & get inquiry done by 1630

1630

Returned to detachment

- had to wait a few minutes for Mr. Cox to return

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02 FEB 08 Friday R70

0815 C work to process exhibits re: team

1045 - spoke to Sgt. Hall again about fingerprint issue
 - told him I had given to Clary &
 period info to him.
 - he said they had dealt with it & is not
 an concern.

1125 Exps #A02 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 9 to temp locker
 #2

- call had been secured in my office
 since removal from DNA cabinet 02.02.04

1135 Started removing exps. from drawing
 cabinet
 - all re: intent

1240 Exps #A02 10-26 removed from cabinet
 packed by Sgt. Hall
 - all were in a brown paper bag - not
 sealed.

1255 Exps #A02 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 to
 temp locker #3

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- spoke to Sgt. Hall with Schwartz present
 - he showed over Sgt. Connors affidavit
 from Summer of 99

- asked why operation was dropped.
 - told both I was 16' 3" water then but
 was told E. Major Crime thought then
 was no validity to it & that Insp. Prud'homme
 determined it was getting too expensive to
 continue so it was terminated against
 Sgt. (then Sgt.) Connors' wishes & great
 reluctance.

1430 Arrived MWHF to set up lines &
 in old A77F area.

1605 Received call from John Carter to
 track down friends of Robert
 Mulder 20 00-01-19

- located in drawer in SCS.
 - 2 audio tapes, 2 video tapes left
 with Scott Dault
 - Lisa Dault to arrange to take to
 Sunnyvale
 - learned that Mike Procyk had been
 recorded & would be going over the
 given to him

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trade workers, PICKTON, sex trade workers in Coquitlam. We tried to ... or at least I tried to ... to solicit the cooperation of HISCOCKS and in order to make him an agent so that he could introduce a undercover member to YELDS. But he was unavailable and I don't know if he was uncooperative, I just know he was unavailable. We could not do that.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: But you never ever did talk to HISCOCKS? This ... this was being relayed to you by the Vancouver Police Department?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: Vancouver City Police and Vancouver City Police controlled him. He was their ... their source, and as I stated earlier he was a source up until he had identified himself in the media this year.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Okay.

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: So he was a Vancouver source. I notified all the police departments, detachments, about PICKTON seeking information. I met with police departments, their ... and detachment members with respect to trying to identify PICKTON as being involved in ... with any sex trade workers. And again that's all trying to ... to confirm that he was busy with those ... or involved with those kinds of people. Other than [REDACTED] we didn't know that for a fact.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: Aerial photos?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: There was aerial photographs. I requested them and they were done. There was physical surveillance done sporadically over that time period with Special "O" and our own investigative team members. And that was over a period of ... from the summer ... or rather late summer of 1998 through till August of 1999.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: And I think the Vancouver Strike Force ... the Vancouver Police Department Strike Force was utilized at that time?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: Yeah, they helped us out. They were very good.

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Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Quite a bit or were they here several times or ...?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: I would say ... going back to the file that they were here for a couple of weeks on a daily basis. Initially we had that physical surveillance on 24 hours a day and they were certainly a part of that.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Senior management of our Force was briefed on this ... on this investigation?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: Senior ... certainly Insp. MOULTON was aware, he was our Operational Support Officer here in Coquitlam. Supt. HALL was certainly aware, he's the OIC here in Coquitlam.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Did you consider using Special "I" like for GPS or any of those things?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: 

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Impossible.

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: Yeah, I guess almost impossible, yeah, to do.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: You said ... you talked ... mentioned a ... a bit about a UC ... undercover operation, a UCO. Was there any undercover operation ever considered for actual for Mr. PICKTON?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: No, not at that time. We didn't know enough about PICKTON, we didn't know enough about his habits, who he associated with. And that's up until the CALDWELL time. In fact, during the ... that 1999 ... summer of 1999 I had never considered when ... to him. I just felt it would ... the chances of success were remote.

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Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: I believe also that you placed these people on CPIC as observation categories?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: I did, yes. In fact as a result of that with PICKTON ...

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: And that would be PICKTON and ...?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: ELLINGSEN.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: Okay.

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: And as a result of that we did get ... received contact from New Westminster Police Department who had identified the two of them being checked up in ... referred to as a stroll ... but where the sex trade workers buy their trade into New Westminster. And I believe that was in April of ... April of 99. Strangely enough we never received anything from ... anything from Vancouver at all.

S/Sgt. Kevin SIMMILL: From August ... no, maybe ... before we go there what investigative strategies ...? When you came back in charge of the unit of Major Crimes Section, what investigative strategies weren't done that you thought could ... should've been done during that time period?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: Well should've, you know could've. I felt that there should've been an undercover operation done against ELLINGSEN and that would've been in my mind two pronged. It would've confirmed the information that CALDWELL would've ... was providing us ... had provided us previously. And secondly, use her as an introduction to ... to PICKTON. And I said that right from even when I was here in August of 1999. I don't know that it would've been successful with relation to PICKTON. I don't know.

Insp. Bob WILLIAMS: (unintelligible) Vancouver Police Department their ... their source was CALDWELL?

Sgt. Mike CONNOR: CALDWELL was initially a source because that's just the way

question had told Caldwell and Best what they had reported to us. The problem was determine why she wasn't telling us.

Day shift and Afternoon surveillance reports revealed little significant movement of Pickton.

99.08.11 0815 A meeting was held with members of Unsolved Homicide, Serious Crime Section and our Detachment members. Discussion was held with respect to The respective interviews of Caldwell and Ellingsen. Caldwell was interviewed the Detectives Lepine and Chernoff. Caldwell as noted above provided a consistent statement with respect to the information provided by Ellingsen and information that was made privy to him by Menard. Caldwell was physically and mentally prepared for the interview and as such provided a complete statement in this matter. Corporal Henley and Detective Ballantyne stated that they did s a soft interview of Ellingsen. She was receptive. They conducted a pre interview with her then recorded the interview with respect to Pickton. She confirmed that she resided with Pickton. That among other things is a cross dresser. That he kills pigs and in fact on one occasion entered the barn to see him kill a pig and then got sick at the sight of it. She offered an explanation of the New Westminster check which is inconsistent with the known elements of it, particularly the timing of the check. She confirmed Pickton used one (1) prostitute in her presence. That both she and the prostitute were payed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). She didn't know why she was paid but left the premises and partied for four (4) days. Why she was paid, what part did she have was

not explained. What wasn't discussed was the fact that this is similar to what Caldwell had stated and that it is believed by Corporal Connor that she was paid because, like Caldwell had stated she accompanied Pickton to entice the prostitute and was paid as such. Ellingsen stated the only money she gets from him is from her welfare payments as her cheque is sent to his trailer. There was discussion as to the soft approach of the interview particularly as she was not challenged on her statements. There was discussion with respect to the comment that the pig was hanging as opposed to a human and how it could be mistaken for a pig. Particularly given Ellingsen's previous statement to Caldwell that it was hanging by the neck and as such she would have had to look at that part of the anatomy therefore, how would you confuse a pig to that of a human. That ultimately what we know of Pickton's activities stem from Ellingsen and it was agreed that her statements if possible should be corroborated.

I also discussed the feasibility of doing a UCO on Ellingsen. It was suggested by some members that it would be a waste of time and money. That she was "crazy", cocaine addicted and hallucinated and what she saw was actually a pig hanging the barn and not a human.

It was apparent that there was a defined difference in attitude between members from "E" Div Major Crime/Unsolved Homicide (not including Cpl. Justason) and Coquitlam/Vancouver Police Department members. There was a definite difference of opinion as to whether the information reliable enough for the investigation to

continue.

In an effort to bring all side together I undertook, time aside from the investigation, to determine how "crazy" Ellingsen was, could cocaine make one "see things", and that it was a pig hanging from the rafters not a human.

99.08.11 Bank Robbery 99CQ30766 refers.

99.08.11 Bank Robbery 99CQ30809 refers.

99.08.12 0830 Corporal Connor attended the Menard residence in Surrey, British Columbia. He was woken up and had been in the company of a "girlfriend". On the doorstep Menard appeared to be co-operative although it was apparent he was concerned with what could have been overheard by the female in the residence. Menard stated he had known Ellingsen for some eight years. He referred to her on several occasions as a trouble maker, that she had a cocaine and alcohol problem as he (cocaine) did on occasion. That she moved to Pickton's property about eight or nine months ago. That while there she would clean up the trailer for him. That he had met Pickton thru Ellingsen as he and a good friend Ross did a job for him, in that a male had stolen from him and they got the property back. That after approximately three (3) months living with Pickton, Ellingsen told Menard about an incident where Ellingsen and Pickton picked up a prostitute. That he believed that this occurred some month prior to being told. Ellingsen then told Menard that "couldn't believe how we finished her off like we

did" or something to that effect. Menard was asked if he believed her he scrunched up his face and stated that he didn't know. Menard was told at a later date that a male on the property a Pat Lnu, an older oriental male told Ellingsen that he had seen body parts in the freezer (mechanical barn). Given what Menard was told about the prostitute and what he was told by Pat Lnu he looked in the freezer for himself but he did not find any body parts. Menard described Pickton as a loner who kills pigs. When asked if Ellingsen was being paid by Pickton he stated that as she is not working, Pickton gave her about five hundred dollars (\$500.00) a month but did not state how she or why she was getting the money. Menard was asked if he would be willing to meet again with Corporal Connor. Menard was asked for a telephone number and he provided a contact number of PID [REDACTED] and instructed Corporal Connor to leave a message and he will return the call. It was apparent that Menard knew more but was reluctant to talk about it during the course of the first meeting and with his girlfriend there. Efforts will be made to speak with Menard on the 16th day of August, 1999.

0935 Corporal Connor spoke with Lisa Lee Hazel Yelds at her residence. Yelds herself was fully tattooed wore large gold rings and looked like a "Biker". Yelds described herself as an outlaw biker. Corporal Connor noted Nazi flags and paraphernalia on the walls and a tribute (shrine) of David Black on her walls. With respect to Pickton she describes him as misunderstood and socially underdeveloped. Interestingly enough, Pickton and other people have described to her that he

has multiple personalities. Yelds has told him to his face that she doesn't believe that he has multiple personalities. Corporal Connor spent a lot of time with her discussing her life and biker related associations and very little time was spent on Pickton as it was apparent she was not going to divulge information to Corporal Connor as she did with Source "A". Corporal Connor attempted to leave and end the conversation with Yelds with each attempt Yelds assuring that Pickton was gentle and wouldn't be responsible for violence towards prostitutes.

Again, this interview was planned. Yelds was known to be a biker in the truest sense and involved in the occult and investigators felt she probably wouldn't reveal what she knew about Pickton but I felt she needed to be approached with the view we needed to and secondly maybe she would surprise us, given women were involved and tell us what she knew. Hopefully it would have been the "first hand information" we needed. This unfortunately would not be the case.

99.08.13 0700 In relation the aforementioned Pat Lnu he has been tentatively identified as

Casanova, Patricio Noche (B: PID [REDACTED] No FPS

PID [REDACTED]

British Columbia Licence

3214BN

1983 Ford P/U Gray. Casanova is an oriental male possibly

Filipino.

- 1025 Corporal Connor spoke with Britco Meats, Langley British Columbia and their manager, Hamas, advised that a pigs fat is white not yellow. Arrangements were made to attend their operation and view a killed pig in an effort to determine whether it could be mistaken for a human hanging.
- 1035 Corporal Connor attended Britco Meat Export plant in Langley, British Columbia. In conversation with the Plant Manager, Hemas Lnu, he advised that he has been in the hog butchering business for years and that he himself has killed thousands. The plant kills upwards of eight (800) hogs a day. Hemas advised that any butcher who has any experience with killing hogs, and most animals, hoist the carcass from the rear legs. In order that the blood drains out more efficiently. Corporal Connor observed and photographed (*attached*) butchered hogs at the plant. All were hoisted by the rear legs and spread slightly apart with a metal apparatus and hung onto a stainless steel "S" hook. The front legs were very short and protruded from the bodies at almost a forty five (45) degrees from the body. Corporal Connor observed hog fat in person and found it to be almost pure white in colour. Corporal Connor explained briefly (*in very general terms*) what had occurred and the foreman laughed and questioned how can any body mistake a hanging pig for a human. In fact, he asked the persons name we were interested in and asked if it was Pickton. When asked why he thought that, he stated Pickton buys a lot of pigs from them as well and that he lives in Coquitlam.

Therefore, in relation to what Ellingsen has told Caldwell, that she entered the barn and saw the girl hanging by the neck, that Pickton was skinning her and that she didn't know human fat was yellow. It is very unlikely, in fact almost improbable, that Ellingsen could confuse what was hanging there with a pig, regardless of her sobriety, given that she stated she saw the female hanging by the neck. To make that statement Ellingsen had to be looking at that area of the body (the neck) which connects directly to the head and therefore could readily identify it as a human, whereas in hog butchering the head (if still attached) is at the bottom and the spread rear legs are at the top.

99.08.16 0800 Given some question as related to probability that Ellingsen saw a pig hanging instead of a human because she was under the influence of cocaine. Corporal Connor spoke to Civilian member Leslie of the "E" Div Forensic Laboratory, Toxicology Section with respect to cocaine use, including smoking cocaine would cause hallucinogenic episodes, in identifying a human hanging as opposed to a pig actually hanging and being skinned. Corporal Connor explained the circumstances surrounding the inquiry to which she stated that Cocaine is not a hallucinogenic drug that at best it would cause paranoia (psychosis).

With respect to Ellingsen being described as "crazy" by a MCF contact of one of the investigators. I was not able to determine thru that member what "crazy" meant. I'm assuming it was your typical drug addict response to authority. However, I was able to determine

that Ellingsen had been at the Surrey Memorial Hospital, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1100 Corporal Connor attended or attempted to located the Ellingsen residence in **PID** [REDACTED] in order that they could be spoken to about their daughter but the residence could not be located. Their related telephone number was called on several occasions but nobody was home.

1220 Corporal Connor interviewed with Patricia "Pat" Casanova. HE is elderly Filipino man with severe physical health problems. Noticeably he has an airway in his throat in order to breath. He advised that he has worked for Pickton for approximately ten (10) years. He knew Ellingsen as a person who stayed at the Pickton residence earlier this year and has been gone for the last month or two. Casanova confirmed that Pickton is in the pig slaughtering business. That he slaughters them on an almost nightly basis. When he goes to the Pickton farm, Casanova his usually there in order to fulfill pork orders from the Filipino community. Pickton does the slaughtering, by using a knife, raises the pig up by the hind legs with a block and tackle and between the two(2) of them carve the pig up as required. He often works there til midnight. In describing Pickton he stated that Pickton is very gentle to kids and other animals. That it does not surprise him that Pickton would use the services of a prostitute although he has never seen this himself. Casanova was aware of Pickton's altercation in March

1997 with a prostitute and was advised by Pickton it was over payment for her services. Casanova stated that Pickton told him about a month ago that the police were talking to friends of his asking questions about him apparently in relation to the missing prostitutes. Pickton was very worried. Casanova never saw any suspicious activity in and about the trailer/farm nor did he see any human body parts in the freezers there. Corporal Connor sensed a reluctance on the part of Casanova, possibly cultural or health reasons, to offer anything to the investigation. Admittedly, he advised that Pickton and Ellingsen would argue from time to time but because he didn't understand the language well he would not offer the content of those conversations. Casanova did state he understood one thing that Ellingsen stated to Pickton and that being "you do the sickest things", however, Casanova could not state what the conversation was about or it's context that he overheard that phrase. Again, it was apparent that Casanova would not be able to understand an argument, particularly, if they were speaking quickly, but admittedly he did say believes he heard things during these arguments but would not repeat them as he was unsure what was actually said. All in all Casanova appeared to be genuinely sincere and honest.

99.08.19 0920 Sergeant Pollock and Corporal Connor re-interviewed Menard this date. Menard he met Pickton in the early part of 1999. stated Menard stated that Ellingsen moved in with Pickton sometime on or about October 1999. She was having drug and alcohol problems and was there to clean up. She lived on and off with Pickton for about seven (7) months. During her early

stay and prior to his meeting Pickton, Ellingsen made a comment to Menard about the fact Pickton was angry at the slashing he took by another prostitute and wanted her to go with him to find her. She stated they couldn't find her but found another one. Menard stated that in another conversation with Ellingsen she stated in relation to Pickton that something had gone wrong and that she felt she should see a lawyer. Menard was reminded of the statement he made to Corporal Connor last week that Ellingsen told him that in relation to a prostitute that he "wouldn't believe how they finished her off". Menard stated he couldn't recall her making that statement. Menard confirmed that he was told by her that both she and Pat Casanova saw body parts in the freezer, he stated he too searched one of the two freezers in the mechanical barn and found only pig parts. Menard advised that when Ellingsen spoke of this she seemed edgy, she was not drunk or high on drugs. Menard also confirmed that Ellingsen had told him of a under cover police check while she was in the company of Pickton. That the officer brought her aside and asked him if she knew who Pickton was. Menard confirmed that Caldwell had lived on the Pickton farm for two(2) weeks in April, 1999 and that he and Caldwell had done a job for Pickton because of a theft from his property. Menard confirmed that Pickton was receiving the Welfare cheques for Ellingsen's rent and was signing the money over to her, some five hundred dollars (\$500.00). That he was always giving her money, apparently for no reason. This would get away from the drugs and related local culture. To which Pickton would also pay another five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for living expenses etc. Twenty

dollars (\$20.00) here or there, Menard called this extortion but denied this was money she was receiving for what she reported to others about what she had seen and that she was going to the police with that information. Menard was aware that Pickton had approached Ellingsen's father about arranging to have his daughter live in the interior. When asked what his feelings were with respect to the statements attributed to Ellingsen Menard stated that she causes a lot of problems for people and will make up lies to get them into trouble with each other but the seriousness of the allegations and the fact that she has told more than one person of what she has seen is characteristic of the serious side of Ellingsen and therefore, contrary to any other information believes what she is reporting. Menard asked if the police were able to search Pickton's property what the likelihood of finding DNA would be. Menard also denied being at the Pickton residence since last speaking with Corporal Connor. It should be noted at this time that although, a report has not been received from Detectives Chernoff and Lepine in a telephone conversation with them on the 17th day of August, 1999 they stated that in speaking with Caldwell he informed them that after Corporal Connor's conversation with Menard the week before, Menard has since been on the Pickton property advising him the police were asking him questions about a murder there. That Pickton was concerned about DNA being found there after Menard brought up the suggestion that DNA could be found. That Pickton stated that it seemed that this was over his head and talked about taking a flight and leaving the area. During the discussion it was Corporal Connor's opinion that Menard

knows more than he is saying. It may be as simple as having additional knowledge he had learnt from others, for example Caldwell, or is unsure of what was said by Ellingsen and the like. It was also apparent that he was, on occasion, trying to obtain information that would assist him in telling others as to what is taking place in so far as a police investigation.

99.08.20

Cpl. Connor promoted and transferred to Coquitlam General Duty.

I should state, that prior to leaving the Major Crime Section I spoke with the Admin NCO in an effort to see if I could take my promotion and then be seconded back to the investigation. I was informed that the OIC would not approve it. That when I was promoted I would be expected to fill that position. In light of that decision I had cancelled my planned holidays twice that spring and summer and elected to take two weeks off prior to me starting on the Watch. The Pickton investigation was then left in the hands of Coquitlam Major Crime Section

99.08.23

Extortion

99.08.26

Sexual Assault investigation 99CQ33257 refers.

99.08.26

Constable Yurkiw and Detective Lepine (VPD) interviewed Lynn Ellingsen at the Coquitlam Detachment. During the interview Ellingsen became agitated. She attempted to maintain her original statements as made to Cpl. Henley and Detective Ballantyne. She did not want to listen to what Det. Lepine had to say. Detective Lepine left the interview room and Cpl. Henley

entered and confronted her with facts of the case. Ellingsen became agitated further and wanted the interview to end. She did however, agreed to take the polygraph. Subsequently a date was arranged and she agreed to attend.

99.08.27

Homicide, twenty one(21) month old baby was reported.
Male arrested and charged.

99.08.31

Cpl. Henley attended the Ellingsen residence with the purpose of escorting her to the polygraph examination. Ellingsen did answer the door. In speaking with her parents and later her lawyer it was determined that her lawyer advised her not to take the polygraph.

99 September

All members of the Unit continue to work on reported homicides.

One(1) member AOL September 7th to September 22nd

Cpl. McCartney is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

An NCO was assigned an Internal Investigation to complete.

99.09.01

Sgt. Pollock and Constable Yurkiw attend the Pickton residence with the purpose of interviewing him. He was not home but later contacted Sgt. Pollock and agreed to speak with the members. Pickton agreed to 'clear the air' Pickton called the investigators the following day though and advised them that he could not make the interview till later that day and they agree to meet the following week.

99.09.04 Sexual Assault 99CQ34611 refers.

99.09.05 Triple homicide reported. The male responsible was arrested and charged. 99CQ34748 refers.

99.09.07 Sexual Assault 1999CQ35209 refers.

99.09.09 Possible homicide 99CQ25392 refers

99.09.11 Two(2) males were arrested and charged with fifteen(15) high profile armed robberies on the Coquitlam area between Aug 24th and Sept.11th.

99.09.20 Assist Surrey Detachment - Sexual Assault 35986 refers.

99.09.20 Suspicious Death 99CQ37232 refers.

99.09.22 **Pickton is spoken to by members on the phone. Pickton did not want to come to the Detachment but rather the police should come to his residence. Pickton instructs our members to call his brother. Constable Yurkiw advised Pickton on the phone what the allegations are generally speaking to which Pickton stated "there was a lot of hot air and it involves all of us." Later Constable Yurkiw contacted Dave Pickton who advised they wanted to wait for the "rainy weather" before they "provided an interview". Over the next several weeks, Constable Yurkiw attempted to contact Pickton without success.**

99.09.27 Bank Robbery 99CQ37940 refers.

99.09.30 Bank Robbery 99CQ38249 refers.

99.09.30 Sexual Assault 99CQ 38307 refers.

99.10.08 Assisted Drug Section (previous homicide occurred)

99.10.10 Sexual Assault (Indecent Acts) 99CQ43907

99.10.14 Assist Whitehorse Detachment - Sudden Death 99CQ40252 refers.

99.10.19 Armed Robbery 99CQ40861 refers.

99.10.25 Armed Robbery and Assault 99CQ41784 refers.

99.10.25 Attempted Murder 99CQ45818 refers.

99.10.26 Sexual Assault 99CQ34267 refers.

99.10.26 Armed Robbery 99CQ41796 refers.

99.10.27 Sexual Assault. 99CQ41859 refers.

99.10.29 Kidnaping and Assault 99CQ42011 refers.

99.10.29 Bank Robbery 99CQ42203 refers.

99.10.30 Threatening 99CQ42397 refers.

99.10.31 Armed Robbery 99CQ42644 refers.

99.11.01 The previously sudden death investigation as noted that occurred on March 31st was re-opened and the investigation continued.

One(1) member AOL November 2nd to November 9th

One(1) member AOL November 17th to November 21st

One(1) member AOD November 24th to December 7th

99.11.03 Bank Robbery 99CQ42203 refers.

99.11.07 Sexual Assault 99CQ43610 refers

99.11.12 Bank Robbery 99CQ44210 refers.

99.11.12 Bank Robbery 99CQ44169 refers.

99.11.16 Bank Robbery 99CQ44728 refers.

99.11.17 Stabbing file investigated. Domestic related. 99CQ44865 refers.

99.11.22 Bank Robbery 99CQ45505 refers.

99.11.22 Bank Robbery 99CQ45527 refers.

99.11.25 One(1) male charged with attempted murder. 99CQ45818 refers.

Two(2) other sexual assault were reported and investigated.

One(1) male arrested and charged with two(2) Bank Robberies in Coquitlam.

Another male charged with Three(3) Bank Robberies that occurred in Coquitlam.

99 December

One(1) member AOD December 1st to December 8th

One(1) member AOL Dec 15th to December 20th

One(1) member AOL December 15th to December 21st

One(1) member is AOL December 15th to December 27th

One(1) member is AOL December 22nd to December 29th

99.12.01

Bank Robbery 99CQ46673 refers

99.12.08

One(1) male charged with attempted murder and sexual assault of a Vancouver prostitute.

99.12.09

Extortion 99CQ47623 refers.

99.12.10

Assist "K" Division Major Crime Section - Homicide investigation. Four(4) members were required for the assistance. 99CQ9804 refers. During December numerous meetings were held with respect to Y2K. One(1) member from the Plainclothes Unit was assigned to work with others in the planning for Y2K.

99.12.12

Bank Robbery 99CQ44169 refers.

99.12.17 Extortion file investigated. Three(3) males arrested and charged accordingly. 99CQ48689 refers.

99.12.17 Suspicious Death 99CQ48635 refers.

99.12.18 Drive By Shooting 99CQ48689 refers.

99.12.23 Assist Saanich Police Service 99CQ49296 refers.

99.12.28 Armed Robbery 99CQ50051 refers.

99.12.30 Bank Robbery 99CQ50320 refers.

99.12.31 Sexual Assault was also investigated. 99CQ49140 refers.

2000 January Constable Cater is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

Constable Stuart is seconded to Project "E" Lobster and replaces Constable Marenchuk who was transferred to "O" Division. Her position is left vacant until she arrived back on the Unit in July of 2001.

January one member is ODS January 12th to January 24th

00.01.01 Sexual Assault 99CQ41270 refers.

00.01.18 Constable Yurkiw met Gina Houston, a close friend of Picktons while she was at the Eagle Ridge Hospital. Commented on Ellingsen being a "psycho" due to her cocaine psychosis and trying to discredit her further by saying she was in and out of

Mental Hospitals. When asked about Pickton being interviewed Houston stated that "they will come in anytime"

00.01.10 Assist Kitimat Detachment 01CQ1201 refers

00.01.10 Gina Houston called Constable Yurkiw and left a voice mail with her saying they would be in for an interview. Unfortunately, Constable Yurkiw did not receive the message till the following day.

00.01.17 Suspicious Death 00CQ1892 refers.

00.01.19 Gina Houston and Robert Pickton attended the Detachment for an interview. They refused to be separated and therefore interviewed together by Cst.s Yurkiw and Cater. Pickton denied the allegations against him. It was apparent he relied heavily on Houston for support but it was evident he was lying about his involvement with the killing of any prostitute.

00.01.21 Assist Vancouver Police Service 00CQ 2349

00.01.24 Child Assault 00CQ2406 refers

00.01.26 Armed Robbery 01CQ2628 refers.

2000 February One(1) member AOL February 14th to February 21st

One(1) member is AOD from January 23rd to March 8th

One(1) member os AOL/AOD from February 14th to March 1st

00.02.09

Internal Investigation assigned to NCO's for investigation.

00.02.09

Members of the MCS held a general meeting to discuss the direction of the Pickton investigation. In that meeting members agreed to re-interview Ellingsen, identify "Val" LNU, time line the investigation to date, Arrange for EDCAS to detail the file, further aerial photographs of the Pickton Farm, re-contact ViClas to assist, contact then Sgt. Keith Davidson and ascertain if he could assist by way of a criminal/geographic profile, interview M/E Lorna Humphries, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

00.02.10

MCS members met to discuss the Pickton investigation further. Constable Cater was assigned gather information on Pickton to assist the criminal profiler, Constable Yurkiw was assigned the responsibility of having the Pickton property re-photographed as well as she was to initiate the time line. Cpl. McCartney was assigned to start an affidavit.

00.02.14

Assist Burnaby Detachment 00CQ5647 refers.

00.02.14

MCS members met with Cpl. Filer and Sgt Davidson - Criminal Profilers, Constable St. Mars and Cpl. Kingsbury from ViClas. Various scenarios were discussed with the intent of a major push to investigate this matter when on February the 19th another serious and complex homicide investigation was

undertaken into another matter.

00.02.19 Another reported homicide. A number of people were responsible the investigation is protracted using most resources available. Culprits arrested and charged accordingly. 00CQ6101 refers.

00 March Constable Marenchuk is transferred to "O" Division. His position is left vacant until his replacement Constable Bridge arrived in June 2000.

One(1) member is AOD March 20th to April 10th

One(1) member is AOL March 21st to March 27th.

00.03.01 Domestic related file 00CQ7447 refers.

00.03.21 Sexual Assault 00CQ7481 refers.

00.03.30 Assist Coal Harbour Detachment 00CQ11128 refers.

The above Middleton homicide continues to utilize all resources.

00.03.27 Illegal Gambling Operation 00CQ10732 refers.

2000 April Two(2) members AOL April 1st to April 8th

00.04.05 Bank Robbery 00CQ11877 refers.

00.04.09 Arson 00CQ12487 refers.

- 00.04.11 Sexual Assault 00CQ37840 refers.
- 00.04.14 Further aerial photographs were taken by Cpl. D. Thompson, Coquitlam FIS, of the Pickton farm and property.
- 00.04.18 Coquitlam Plainclothes Commander, S/Sgt Zalys, who had recently spoke with Operations Support Officer, Insp Earl Moulton, met with Constable Yurkiw with respect to the status of the Pickton investigation. Constable Yurkiw stated that she wasn't able to do anything on the file given the recent homicide and it's ongoing investigation. Sgt. Pollock was also spoken to with regard to the status of the investigation and said the same thing as Constable Yurkiw. Staff Sergeant Zalys advised both members that after speaking with Inspector Moulton, Inspector Moulton still considered the Pickton file a priority. However, there would be no additional resources to assist and the Unit would have to investigate when time permitted and to do the "best we can when we can".
- 00.04.20 Attempted Murder 00CQ13782 refers.
- 00.04.26 Two(2) members from MCS traveled to Alberta to conduct and investigation in relation to an outstanding homicide.
- Arrests made and charges laid in the Middleton Homicide. However, the investigation continued.
- The February, 2000 homicide investigation continued.

99.04.27	Attempted Murder 99CQ13896 refers.
99.04.27	Sexual Assault 00CQ14790 refers.
00 May	One(1) member AOL May 10 th to May 23 rd
	One(1) member AOD May 8 th to May 15 th
	Two(2) members AOD My 8 th to May 24 th
	One(1) member AOD May 23 rd to May 26 th
	One(1) member AOD May 31 st June 6 th
00.05.01	Assist Kamloops Detachment 00CQ15200 refers.
00.05.02	Assist "M" Division - Homicide 00CQ16704 refers.
00.05.05	Arson 00CQ15717 refers.
2000 June	Constable Bridge is transferred to the Major Crime Section.
	One(1) member AOD June 12 th to June 15 th
	One(1) member AOL June 14 th June 20 th
	One(1) member AOD June 6 th to June 12 th
	One member AOD June 6 th to Jun 16 th

00.06.19 Another homicide investigated. 00CQ22194 refers.

00.06.20 Bank Robbery 00CQ22314 refers.

00.06.21 Internal Theft 00CQ516 refers.

00.06.21 Assist Interpol Ottawa 00CQ20960 refers.

00.06.23 Attempted Murder of a male when a number of persons broke into his home, stabbing him and leaving him for dead. 00CQ22710 refers.

00.06.28 Attempted Murder where victim was almost beaten to death and was left in coma. 00CQ23668 refers.

00.06.30 An Arson of a local school was investigated by the Unit. 00CQ23898 refers.

2000 July NCO i/c Major Crime Section assigned as liaison with high profile labour dispute. Numerous meetings and attendance at the work site was required over a lengthy period of time.

One member was AOL July 14th to July 24th

One(1) member was AOL July 11th to August 2nd

One(1) member was AOL July 26th to August 7th

00.07.01 An arson of a local school was investigated by the Unit. 00CQ24131 refers.

- 00.07.10 Assist Kelowna Detachment 00CQ25471 refers.
- 00.07.12 Bank Robbery of a local Bank where the culprits fired shots at members of the Fire Department giving chase. Three(3) males arrested and charged accordingly. 00CQ25774 refers.
- 00.07.13 Armed Robbery 00CQ25874 refers.
- 00.07.14 High Profile Bank Robbery where shots were fired at witnessed was investigated by this Unit 00CQ26065 refers.
- 00.07.20 Home Invasion and stabbing reported and investigated by the Unit. 00CQ27046 refers.
- 00.07.21 Member of MCS was assigned to re-investigate a missing woman. This person was later added to the missing women's list from the downtown east side. 98CQ13017 refers.
- 00.07.22 Break and Enter and rape of a local woman was reported and investigated. 00CQ27276 refers.
- 00.07.25 Sexual Assault 00CQ27734 refers.
- 00.07.27 One(1) homicide and one attempted murder of two(2) individuals outside a local Port Coquitlam business. This occurrence is draining of all resources for some time, 00CQ28014 refers.
- 00.07.27 Bank Robbery 00CQ27952 refers.
- 00.07.28 Assist General Duty 00CQ27276 refers.

00.07.28 Assist General Duty 00CQ17680 refers.

2000 August Constable Pitt-Payne is transferred to the Major Crime Section.

Constable Strachan is transferred to "G" Division.

One(1) member AOL August 17th to September 4th

One(1) member AOL August 16th to September 1st

One(1) member AOL August 23rd August 30th

One(1) member AOL August 17th to August 28th

One(1) member AOL August 28th September 4th

00.08.01 Drive by Shooting 00CQ28805 refers.

00.08.02 Sexual Assault 00CQ29035 refers.

00.08.04 Bank Robbery 00CQ29195 refers.

00.08.10 Sexual Assault 00CQ29356 refers.

00.08.10 Sexual Assault 00CQ30129 refers.

00.08.15 Armed Robbery Car Jacking 01CQ22705 refers.

00.08.16 Sexual Assault 00CQ31012 refers.

00.08.25 Sexual Assault 00CQ32454 refers.

00.08.26 Found Human Remains 00CQ32652 refers.

00.08.28 Arson 00CQ32379 refers.

00.08.29 Sexual Assault 00CQ32843 refers.

00.08.29 Constables Bridge and Cater are seconded to Maple Ridge Detachment to assist in a homicide file their point.

In relation to the above February homicide three(3) more adults and one Young Offender arrested and charged with the offence.

One (1) member AOL September 6th to September 19th

00.09.03 Anne Louise Jewelers fell victim of a Robbery where a substantial amount of jewelry was taken. 00CQ33793 refers.

00.09.03 Death threats investigated by this Unit 00CQ33723 refers.

00.09.05 One male arrested and charged as a result of a stabbing. The Young Offender is the same male as charged in the February homicide. 00CQ34016 refers.

00.09.12 Missing Person - Suspicious circumstances 00CQ6214 refers.

00.09.15 Criminal Harassment 01CQ35120 refers.

00.09.18 Criminal Harassment 01CQ 35890 refers.

- 00.09.21 Criminal Harassment 00CQ36016 refers.
- 00.09.26 Home Invasion 00CQ30129 refers.
- 00.10.06 Extortion file which was a lengthy investigation resulted in the suspect in this matter being arrested. This subject had been terrorizing the Asian community for several months and was arrested after members spent some three(3) months investigating the matter. 00CQ37255 refers.
- 00.10.11 Abduction 00CQ39096 refers.
- 00.10.12 Sexual Assault complaint for investigation by this Unit. 00CQ23589 refers
- 00.10.19 Child Pornography 00CQ39318 refers.
- 00.10.30 Assist Surrey Detachment - Homicide 00CQ40998 refers.
- 00.10.31 Sexual Assault 00CQ21194 refers.

A Missing Person reported to Coquitlam Detachment was identified a homicide victim in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Our Unit supplied to resources to this project.

Another kidnaping complaint received and investigated. It turned out that this offence did not occur.

Extortion file received and worked on for several months by members of this Unit. Subject was terrorizing the Asian Community

and was portraying himself as a peace officer. He was identified, arrested and charged accordingly.

Assistance was also provided to the Vancouver Police Department and Port Moody Police Service in relation to a number of Bank Robberies.

Assistance was provided to G.D. members who had seized a number of assault weapons.

Section members were also assigned several sexual assault complaints that had been reported to this office.

Members are still working on the outstanding homicides.

00 November

Cpl. Skrine is transferred to the Major Crime Section.

One(1) member AOD November 27th to December 19th

00.11.01

Sexual Assault 00CQ42417 refers.

00.11.04

Sexual Assault 00CQ43070 refers.

00.11.08

Assist Burnaby Detachment - Homicide 00CQ43350 refers.

00.11.08

Sexual Assault 00CQ43311 refers.

00.11.13

Armed Robbery 00CQ44032 refers.

00.11.21

Constable Dave Strachan and members of this Detachment

spoke with Southwest District Major Crime investigators with reference to three homicides of prostitutes that they were investigating. It was proposed that any unknown DNA from their crime scenes be compared to that of Pickton. It was agreed that we would co-ordinate and Pickton's DNA would be sent to the lab. Ultimately his DNA did not match their unknown DNA samples.

00.11.22	Sexual Assault 00CQ45435 refers.
00.11.22	Sexual Assault 00CQ20492 refers.
00.11.22	Sexual Assault 00CQ45376 refers.
00.11.23	Sexual Assault 00CQ45512 refers.
00.11.28	Sexual Assault 00CQ46192 refers.
00 December	One(1) member AOL December 20 th to January 02, 2001.
00.12.06	Bank Robbery 01CQ47188 refers.
00.12.11	An Internal Investigation was assigned to an NCO for investigation.
00.12.14	Conspiracy to Murder 00CQ48154 refers.
00.12.20	Bank Robbery 00CQ 49014 refers.
00.12.28	Sexual Assault 00CQ49955 refers.

00.12.30 Assist Kamloops Detachment - Homicide 00CQ50272 refers.

Suspects were arrested and charged accordingly for two(2) outstanding armed robberies

Four(4) other Sexual Assaults were reported and investigated by this Unit.

2001 January One(1) member AOD January 10th to January 19th

One(1) member AOL January 22nd to January 28th.

01.01.01 Two(2) males shot during a New Years Eve party. Investigation was undertaken by this Unit. 01CQ16 refers

01.01.01 Elderly male died as a result of house fire. Origin of fire was Arson. The first homicide of 2001. 01CQ464 refers.

01.01.02 Assist General Duty - Sexual Assault 01CQ239 refers.

01.01.10 Bank Robbery 01CQ1251 refers.

01.01.09 Threats 01CQ1162 refers.

01.01.11 Sexual Assault 01CQ1230 refers

01.01.12 Assist Fire Department 01CQ1459 refers.

01.01.15 The entire Unit spent two weeks in January investigating the several persons who had conspired to do several Home Invasions in

Coquitlam. Prevented steps were finally in place to prevent such offences.

01.01.16 Home Invasion 01CQ1901 refers.

01.01.17 Bank Robbery. 01CQ2105 refers.

01.01.29 Child Pornography 01CQ3600 refers.

01 February Cpl. Clary is promoted and transferred to the "E" Division Unsolved Homicide Unit. His position remained vacant until the arrival of Cpl. Moore.

One(1) member AOL February 20th to February 28th

01.02.03 Report of a severe child beating investigated by the Unit. 01CQ4237 refers.

01.02.01 Bank Robbery 01CQ4707 refers.

01.02.07 Perjury 01CQ6712 refers.

01.02.08 One(1) Sexual Assault reported and investigated. 01CQ4959 refers.

01.02.09 Members of MCS assisted General Duty with respect to a complaint of a Home Invasion. 01CQ5031 refers.

01.02.13 Bank Robbery 01CQ5644 refers.

01.02.14 Sexual Assault 01CQ5751 refers.

01.02.15 Sudden Death 01CQ 01CQ845 refers.

01.02.19 Information received that a 1972 baby death which was classified as a crib death was in fact a homicide. File was re-opened and investigated.

01.02.19 Bank Robbery 01CQ7569 refers.

2001 March Sgt. Pollock is transferred to Langley Detachment

Sgt. Mike Connor is transferred to the Major Crime Section as the NCO in charge.

Constable Cater transferred off MCS

Constable Greg Horton is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

Constable Pitt-Payne on long term illness

Two(2) members AOL March 13th to March 28th

One(1) member AOL/AOD March 21st to April 9th

01.03.05 Assist Kamloops Detachment 01CQ7617 refers.

01.03.07 Found Human Remains 01CQ01CQ8513

01.03.13 Bank Robbery 01CQ9332 refers.

01.03.16 Investigation as initiated into a serious threat to a local

businessman. 01CQ9747 refers.

01.03.17 Assist Edmonton P.S. - Homicide 01CQ9913 refers.

01.03.23 Death Threats 01CQ10690

Two(2) members who had been seconded to the Division Major Crime Section in 1999 returned to duty at Coquitlam

01.03.28 Joint Project with Burnaby Robbery Section into identified members of a Bank Robbery gang. 01CQ7569 refers.

01 April One(1) member AOL April 16 to April 25th

VPD after downsizing their investigation is quoted by the media as turning the investigation over to the RCMP to be reviewed.

01.04.06 Bank Robbery 01CQ12515 refers.

01.04.07 Assault Causing 01CQ12654 refers.

01.04.09 Member required for court

01.04.11 Bank Robbery 01CQ13158 refers.

01.04.11 Members of MCS met with to review all outstanding Major Files. The Pickton file was one issue that was reviewed and that the priority was set as high. Constable Yurkiw would continue with the investigation.

01.04.19 High Risk Sex Offender 810 Application 01CQ14187 refers.

01.04.27 Versailles Jewelers was subject to an Armed Robbery whereupon a substantial amount of jewelry was taken. The person responsible was later identified and is now before the courts. 01CQ15327

01.04.30 Bank Robbery 01CQ15759 refers.

01.04.30 Sexual Assault 01CQ15715 refers.

Constable Pitt-Payne returns to duty

2001 May Given recent developments the entire Unit re-visited last year's homicides Dhaliwal and Jung not adequately investigated as resources were almost immediately given other priority files.

One(1) member AOD May 28th to June 7th

01.05.01 Sixteen(16) Child Pornography offenders identified as living in the Coquitlam area. Investigations required on each file Mast file 01CQ19520 refers.

01.05.01 Domestic related offences 01CQ16992 refers.

01.05.04 Major Damage to Pre Trail Center 01CQ16491 refers.

01.05.08 Member required for court.

01.05.08 Sexual Assault 01CQ16992 refers.

01.05.09 Member required for court

01.05.13 An abduction complaint was also received where a male stated he had been abducted and held for three days was reported and investigated by this Unit. 01CQ17702 refers.

01.05.16 Member required for court

01.05.24 Sexual Assault 01CQ19347 refers.

01.05.24 Member required for court

01.05.29 Assist Whistler Detachment

01.05.30 Another Bank Robbery was reported and investigated by this Unit.

01.05.30 Assault on Crown witness in previously mentioned homicide that is now before the courts. 00CQ22710 refers.

As the Unit is so overburdened and it's resources stretched. The Unit could not take any further sexual assault investigations. Members of General Duty are asked to investigate same. However, our Unit members are available to assist when and where they are needed.

Also, with the opening of the new Pre-Trial Center in Port Coquitlam it is requiring more demands on the Detachment resources including this Unit.

01 June

Cpl. Moore transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

Having just announced that the Unit could no longer take Sexual Assaults the Unit did undertake two(2) offence this month. The first was adults recruiting juvenile females into prostitution and adult films. The other was a complaint from an adult female who stated she had been raped after she was given the "date rape drug".

Three (3) members AOD June 25th to June 28th

01.06.01

The Unit was asked to investigate a high profile offence that occurred in Colony Farm. Subject arrested and charged.

01.06.05

Assist Burnaby Detachment - Homicide 01CQ21350 refers.

01.06.05

Death Threats 01CQ33543 refers.

01.06.13

Member required for court.

01.06.13

Member required for court

01.06.29

Bank Robbery 01CQ24947 refers. A number of Banks were robbed in recent days and the investigation culminated in the arrest and charging of the individuals involved.

01.06.29

Attempted Murder. 01CQ25109 refers.

01.06.30

Home Invasion 01CQ25109 refers.

New developments in a 1992 murder, Leonard Schmidt, required

four(4) resources full time to this file. The investigation was presented to Crown Counsel however, several other matter require attention before the consideration of criminal charges.

Additional information came to light on the Blackwater homicide and was being followed up by one(1) member.

01 July Constable Sherstone is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

 Constable Stuart arrived back on the Unit from Project "E" Lobster.

 One(1) member AOL July 16th to August 2nd

01.07.03 School Arson.

01.07.04 Possible homicide 01CQ25751 refers.

01.07.05 Bank Robbery 01CQ25785 refers.

01.07.06 Bank Robbery 01CQ26159 refers.

01.07.06 A school arson was reported and also followed up on by this Unit.
01CQ25409.

01.07.10 Bank Robbery. Subjects responsible for three(3) of these offences
and was subsequently arrested and charged accordingly.
01CQ26758 refers.

01.07.23 High Profile Assault at Colony Farm 01CQ 23059 refers.

01.07.25 Possible Homicide reported. 01CQ28959 refers.

01.07.26 Peace Bond - Child related 01CQ24784 refers.

01.07.26 Most members of MCS were involved in an assistance to Surrey Detachment with respect to an escaped prisoner. 01SRY59111 refers.

01.07.30 Bank Robbery 01CQ9701 refers.

The homicides as noted earlier this year are actively being pursued.

01 August Constable Stuart transferred to "E" Division Major Crime Section

Constable Procyk is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

One(1) member AOL August 21st to August 28th

One(1) male AOL August 21st to August 28th

01.08.01 Missing Person 91CQ30151 refers.

01.08.02 Murder/Suicide investigated by this Unit. 01CQ30241 refers.

The Dhaliwal, Johal and Schmidt homicide investigations are continuing.

01.08.08 Constable Yurkiw retired from the Force.

01.08.08 Sexual Assault 01CQ30946 refers.

01.08.13 Two(2) member required for court

01.08.19 Members of this Unit undertook the attempted murder of a local individual. 01CQ32695 refers.

01.08.20 A possible homicide was reported to this office but in the end it was determined the death was as a result of suicide. 01CQ32922 refers.

01.08.22 Child Sexual Assault 01CQ33220 refers.

01.08.24 Bank Robbery 01CQ33541 refers.

01.08.24 Bank Robbery 01CQ33543 refers.

01.08.28 Bank Robbery 01CQ34078 refers.

01.09.01 One (1) Additional resource added to the MCS.

Constable Paradis is transferred onto the Major Crime Section

One(1) member AOL September 5th to Sept 24th

One(1) member AOL September 18th to September 25th

One(1) member AOD September 17th to September 20th

One(1) member AOL September 6th to September 14th

One(1) member AOD September 5th to September 8th

One(1) member AOD September 19th to September 21st

One(1) member AOL September 30th to October 26th

01.09.04	Bank Robbery 01CQ35019 refers.
01.09.08	Sexual Assault 01CQ35752 refers.
01.09.09	An attempted Murder was reported this date. The people responsible were identified and charged accordingly. 01CQ35809 refers.
01.09.20	Bank Robbery 01CQ37456 refers.
01.09.21	Assist Grand Forks Detachment 01CQ38129 refers.
01.09.25	Sexual Assault 01CQ37770 refers.
01.09.25	Assist Edmonton Police Service 01CQ38152 refers.
01.09.26	A male, Ryan Kam was reported to this Unit as having disappeared under very suspicious circumstances. It was determined he was murdered. The entire Unit with the assistance of outside resources entered into a six(6) month investigation. The Unit during this period undertook very little else given the demands of this investigation. Three(3) males were eventually arrested and charged accordingly.
01 October	Constable Paradis is transferred to Customs and Excise Section.

One(1) member AOL October 25th to November 16th

01.10.01	Bank Robbery 01CQ38971 refers.
01.10.02	Arson 01CQ39105 refers.
01.10.03	Assist General Duty 01CQ34999 refers.
01.10.04	Bank Robbery 01CQ39357 refers.
01.10.06	Assist General Duty - Arson 01CQ35969 refers
01.10.09	Extortion 01CQ41157 refers.
01.10.09	Sexual Assault 01CQ39357 refers.
01.10.10	Kidnaping 01CQ40107 refers.
01.10.10	Illegal Gambling 01CQ40081 refers.
01.10.11	Arson 01CQ40154 refers.
01.10.16	Member required for court
01.10.17	Two(2) members required for court
01.10.21	File re-opened for investigation 93CQ42407 refers.
01.10.23	Bank Robbery 01CQ41710 refers.

01.10.27 Bank Robbery 1CQ42280 Refers.

01.10.28 Male arrested for five(5) outstanding Bank Robberies. Male was charged accordingly.

One(1) other additional sexual assault investigation was undertaken by this Unit.

01.11.06 Constable Sherstone approached Sgt. Connor and stated she had located Lynn Ellingsen, of the Pickton file, and asked if it would be alright for her to contact Lynn Ellingsen and interview her again. She was encouraged to do that. Constable Sherstone at a later date stated she had made a couple of attempts to interview her at the Women's shelter but she was unsuccessful. The staff stated they would not allow Constable Sherstone into the facility.

01.11.06 Assist Masset Detachment - Sexual Assault.

01.11.09 Member required for court

01.11.10 Arson investigation

01.11.11 Arson Investigation

01.11.11. An attempted murder, that occurred at the pre-trial center, was also investigated by this unit. The offended was charged accordingly. 01CQ44464 refers.

01.11.15 Suspicious Death was investigated by this Unit but turned out to of

natural causes. 01CQ44945 refers.

01.11.16 Bank Robbery 01CQ39357 refers.

01.11.21 Assist General Duty 01CQ33269 refers.

01.11.21 Unit members assisted Richmond Detachment on their latest homicides 01CQ45712 refers.

01.11.21 Assist General Duty 01CQ42936 refers.

01.11.23 Assist Ridge Meadows Detachment 96CQ9797 refers.

Members of this unit investigated the attempted child abduction. The offence was very similar to others being reported in the Lower Mainland.

01.12.01 Given the extent of Unit's resources being expended MCS will not longer be investigating Bank Robberies.

Cpl. Skrine is promoted and transferred to the Division Polygraph Section.

Constable Greig is promoted and transferred to Surrey Detachment.

Cpl. Ketola is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

Constable Powell is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

One(1) member AOL December 18th to January 2nd

Number of Missing Women is identified as 45 (forty five)

01.12.01 Sexual Assault 01CQ33220 refers.

01.12.03 Member required for court

01.12.04 Four(4) members required for court

01.12.05 Four(4) members required for court.

01.12.05 Assist General Duty 01CQ47525 refers.

01.12.13 Assist General Duty 01CQ44568 refers.

01.12.15 Sexual Assault investigation was undertaken by this unit.
01CQ47525 refers. The offender was charged accordingly.

01.12.17 Homicide reported and investigated by this unit. Male subsequently
arrested and charged accordingly. 01CQ49254 refers.

01.12.19 Conspiracy to commit robbery - Jewelry Stores 01CQ49483 refers.

01.12.29 Assist General Duty 01CQ50556 refers.

2002 January Constable Thien is transferred onto the Major Crime Section.

02.01.02 Arson - School - Assist General Duty.

02.01.08 Assist General Duty 01CQ47582 refers.

02.01.09 Assist other agency - High Risk Sex Offenders

02.01.11 An Illegal Gambling business was investigated and shut down by our investigators. 01CQ40081 refers.

02.01.15 **Given transfers of resources another Unit Meeting was held and confirmed that Constable Sherstone had conduct of the Pickton file. She was encouraged to follow up with the information.**

02.01.16 Assist General Duty 02CQ99 refers.

02.01.18 Members of this Unit initiated an investigation into a number of attempted child related abductions and attempts. A male was arrested in Coquitlam and charged with a number of offences around the Lower Mainland. 02CQ3910 refers.

02.01.21 Member required for court

02.01.22 Member required for court

02.01.23 Member required for court

02.01.24 Member required for court

02.01.26 Possible homicide scene was reported to his Unit and investigated accordingly. It was determined that a vicious assault had taken place. 01CQ3353 refers.

02.01.28 Assistance provide in an Organized Crime investigation.

- 02.02.01 Child Sexual Assault. 02CQ4139 refers.
- 02.02.01 Assist General Duty 01CQ33959 refers.
- 02.02.04 Unit arrested two(2) individuals for the murder of Ryan Kam. The investigation continued. With the arrest of the third individual later in February.

In addition to the investigative offences members of the Coquitlam Major Crime Section were also responsible for the correlation of related intelligence with respect to, Armed Robberies, Sexual Assaults, Sexual Offenders, Illegal Gambling, Federal Parolees, Arson's, Riverview, Colony Farm. Members were also responsible for participation in local and Lower Mainland committees dealing in these matters plus liaison of information related to the foregoing.

Also, Constables Hartl and Strachan were ERT members, Constable Bridge a Firearms instructor, Cpl. Ketola and Constable Thien are Tact Troop members, Constable Yurkiw was a Member Assistance Rep and Detachment DSRR Sub-Rep, Cpl. Skrine a member of the Division Interrogation team and Constable Sherstone a member of ERT - dispatcher. These duties translated in to hundreds of hours of man-hours dedicated to their additional functions. Some of these hours were on their own time but a majority of the hours were lost to their home assignments.

The Time line does not reflect court commitments by members of Coquitlam MCS. prior to April 2001 as records were not kept as they are now.

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Port Coquitlam F.D.*

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CONTINUATION
REPORTRAPPORT DE
CONTINUATIONOCCURRENCE No. - No D'INCIDENT
Y-A
98CQ/52323

RE - OBJET: PIGGY'S PALACE - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

BIN - BD

DATE	TIME HEURE	ACTION TAKEN - MESURES PRISES
		<i>SUPT. HALL</i>
98/12/31	1920	<p>Writer and Sgt. BUERK attend Piggy's Palace and speak with Dave PICKTON. At this time it was noted by writer that there was a male in a Jeep Cherokee parked beside the driveway that leads to the barn at the rear of the property. There is also a sliding metal gate at this location, it was open. I could see a small group of about 10 people down by the barn area approx. 70 yards past the Jeep. I approached the occupant of the Jeep and asked for Mr. DAVE PICKTON, a male who had been walking towards me identified himself as Dave PICKTON, I told him we were there to discuss the Supreme Court Order and asked him if he had received a copy. He indicated that one was dropped off at his house.</p> <p>I read to him the Order starting from the bottom of pg. 1 THIS COURT ORDERS THAT ect.. Concluding with the paragraph that states Peace officers may arrest and the person may be charged with Contempt of Court. I then gave PICKTON the copy of the Order that I had been reading from.</p> <p>After this myself, BUERK and PICKTON had a discussion about how to handle the people that would show up. PICKTON was concerned that he was not allowed to have a birthday party, he stated that there were about 47 East End boys already on the property and it was one of them who was having a birthday. He was advised that the Order was, in our opinion, very clear and that even that was a contravention of the Order. During this conversation numerous cars and people started to drive onto the property. Mr. PICKTON seemed very concerned over the guests that were already in the barn stating that he would move them to his house, he was advise that was also against the order. He then stated that he would move them down the road to his other property.</p> <p>The marked P.C. was parked across the main driveway and arrangements made for two more marked cars to attend. In approx. 1/2 hour this writer turned away about 20 vehicles. Each contained a variety of people ranging in age from late teens/early 20's to people in the late 40's early 50's. Approx., 50 people were turned away by writer including 4 employees of White Knight Security who had been hired for the event. Many people asked if we or PICKTON were going to refund the cost of their tickets, another common sentiment was "I guess we just blew \$40 (or what ever amount they spent) leaving no doubt in this writers mind that tickets were pre purchased for \$20.00 each.</p> <p>Municipality Public Works attended, barricades and No Parking Signs were erected on roadway.</p>
	2000	Writer and BUERK leave the area as parties still continue to arrive.
	2030	Writer advises OIC of above details.

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RE - OBJET: PIGGY'S PALACE - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

BDN - BD

DATE	TIME HEURE	ACTION TAKEN - MESURES PRISES
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Radio Room and writer fielded several calls from people that were upset that we had ruined the party.

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Bomb threat called in from Surrey stating that a bomb was near the Executive Inn at North & Lougheed, file 98CQ/52460 refers. It is possible that this may have been a tactic to divert our resources from Piggy's.

99/01/0

0030

Members break off from Piggy's, Municipal worker has collected barricades and signs. Members report that traffic to Piggy's has been very light, with no cars at all in the last 1/2 hour, they have heard no noise and seen little activity from the area.

Copy of this file and ORDER will be issued to all Watch Commanders. Day shift 99/01/04 can check with PoCo City Solicitor but it would appear that unless PICKTON goes to court and gets this Order changed it is valid for an extended period of time.

C.C. Watch Commanders
Supt. HALL
Insp. MOULTON

Concluded Gravely Impaired	Date Completed/Notified Date d'avis de placement	QUI E.C.E.	D.D. - P.A.	SUPERVISOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Continued Comments	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended for last hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended only
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Ranking Criteria :

- History of violence towards S.T.W.'s
- Relevant Criminal Record -
 - Sex Assault (M.O.)
 - Attempt Murder (Weapons used)
- Association to S.T.W.'s (Stroll activity)
- Use of vehicle (Type, rentals?, # of)
 Is vehicle used to transport S.T.W.
 during assaults or after?
- Familiarity with "rural" areas (Gross/mission)
 Any evidence of criminal acts in those areas?
- Whereabouts during crucial "times".

DATE	SUBJECT	TIP #	COMMENTS	PNA	INIT.
① 01-04-04	PILTON, Robert 49-10-24	30	File organized Palm. To do list completed Photo included.	NEG	RG
② 01-04-05	POI10964 [REDACTED]	133	File organized Palm. To do list completed Updated Photo included.		R
③ 01-04-10	POI11489 [REDACTED]	562	File organized Palm. To do attached Updated Photo included.		R
④ 01-05-02	POI11093 [REDACTED]	128	File organized Palm. To do attached		R
⑤ 01-05-07	McLeod, Ross (Nai) SA-02-27	?	File organized Palm. To do attached		R
⑥ 01-05-09	POI11127 [REDACTED]	495	File organized To do list attached	NEG	R
⑦ 01-05-31	POI12498 [REDACTED]	28	File organized To do list attached		R
⑧ 01-05-31	POI4347 [REDACTED]	31	File organized See To do list	NEG	R
⑨ 01-05-31	POI2372 [REDACTED]	32	File organized (See To do list)		R
⑩ 01-06-05	POI1588 [REDACTED]	113	Real. Left alone	NEG	R
⑪ 01-06-07	POI390 [REDACTED]	210	Real ③ evidence. Not re-organized. Will photo public type note by Redacted and re-file	NEG	
⑫ 01-06-12	POI11409 [REDACTED]	33	File organized (See To do list)		R

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PERSONS OF INTEREST

(PRIMARY ONLY)

PERSONS OF INTEREST

RANKING

NAME

Comments

(1)

POI11093

PID

Detained:

1996/02/07 5 years

By Parole: 1996/04/08

Full Parole: 1997/04/08

WPR Expiry: 2001/02/06

- Recent SPY address

Serial Sex Assault Charges -
1973 - 1989 / Charges involve
forced sex acts with downtown
E.S. prostitutes (Unlawful confinement;
rapes)
- Beats victims when he can't perform
- Has band up and hung his victim
while raping them
- Hates women / S.T.W.'s /
- Lures S.T.W.'s into his vehicles,
holds against their will
- Was around during pertinent
times (Need to find line)
- No dispend collected yet

POI11409

PID

(Home Res.)

In Sep. 2000 boy found checked
vehicle R'd to POI11409 (Rape K.T.)
- Ex-boyfriend of Sherilla Egan *
(Aug 98 App M.I.I.) Note Egan
also knew other person of interest
from POI2372
- Transported her in van
- Checked with women's clothes
vehicle and partner of missing
woman (00-08-05) / back on street /
children / photos /
- Shows up in women's clothes
- Inserts items in HO's 'cave' /
and his own.
- Career Criminal
- No extensive history of Sex Assault
in area during court time
- No dispend collected yet.

PERSONS OF INTEREST

Ranking	NAME	Comments
<p>POI4347</p> <p>POI4347</p>	<p>Source info from inmate of POI4347 (June /00).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record includes aggravated assault - Sex Assault (App) on E.S. "Ho" - 1996/09 (R.S./Industrial Area in V.h./Punching repeatedly in face, locks in vehicle, shoved rubber ball in to mouth, hit in head with rock/back/smashed head to pavement outside car/dropped back into taxi/hands inside mouth jamming jaw open) - Used to go camping in Chalkrock "bush" vicinity - Regular user of Painsdown E.S. prostitutes - Own "nut" - made his own "dildos" - Confessed plan to kidnap a "Ho", make her a sex slave/torture and kill her" (All evidence in P.S.O. Hearing) - DNA profile completed (familiar) - Partial DNA typing completed - Is not the source of male profile obtained in P.NE/CLASDE homicides. (2000/04/06) - Not Etc during several times 	<p>Sentenced: (4017 Days) 2000/09/11</p> <p>Probable release: 2007-12-25</p> <p>(D.O.) P.S.O. Hearing: ?</p>
<p>POI1588</p> <p>PID</p>	<p>Source info rec'd 07/99 that party responsible for missing S.T.W.'s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thorough invest. completed - Two lines completed - Present during pertinent times - Extensive record (includes sex assault/attempt murder) - (1982) 17 yr. sentence - Rapist, shot one victim in "head" 	<p>Sentenced: 1996-12-19 (D.O.) - Missing S.T.W.</p> <p>Was on mandatory release in (1994)</p>

PERSONS OF INTEREST

Ranking	Name	Comments
	POI1588 (CONT.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stranger's victim - assumed dead, leaves in darkest area in which he had driven. - 6 months prior to initial offences was assaulting and robbing prostitutes (led to his arrest) - In area during casual times - Suspect in assault of Andrea Barhauer (Hamlet Valley area) (Aggravated) - Picked up 2 Barhauer downtown Fort side. - Drives to Chilliwack mountain area - B.J. / Punches / Bangs over rock / Anal sex / B.S. / urinates over victim's face / Kicks out of vehicle. - No DNA (Advised by Sph. (CARE))
Low Priority	POI12498 PID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - former cellmate provided info on [redacted] . He contacted by VPI. reconnection. - Jan / 1989 [redacted] had reported seeing [redacted] return from allegedly fishing, covered in blood. (suspect info) Reported same to Aggravated R.C.M.P. Detachment. No results. - Further search conducted by V.P.D. est all in 1999. (Chilliwack area) This search was as a result of a 1999 tip. - provided location. (Area of Bridal Falls) - Source stated [redacted] was hinted at killing people. - Lives a truck (4x4) - Has been checked around V.P.D. E.S. side - Ho's (9901-04) - No record of notes

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PERSONS OF INTEREST

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u> ✓(11)
(6) Low	① McLeod, Ross Neil 56-02-27 @ Waltham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Street Check info from Waltham/Kell. - No record at note - Lives off of "inheritance" (W.S. de) - Assaulted prostit. in 1996 drove to Kits. area. She escaped from van. (purple OCDS) - Listed on Bul Date sheet for July 24, 1995 ⊕ - At Huggs Journal, uses D.E.S. H^o. - His association with H^o's, easy access to \$ and "one" only sex assault/m charges makes him a lower priority. - Needs further work-up (See To Do List) <p>No charges obtained.</p>
(7)	POI 11489 PID [REDACTED]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ext. record of sex assaults against STW's 1976 Risk offender (80's/90's) - Appeal allowed was carried about Nathan in relation to missing women. - I/C during some crucial times. - Interviewed and initially "discredited" - On Bul Date sheet - Acts of violence include: knife to throat, forced sex, hands over mouth, (injudicious) ties up, oral sex <p>No charges obtained</p>

PERSONS OF INTEREST

Ranking	Name	Comments
	POI390 FID	<p>Vopre came upon info on POI390 - associating with P.Town - S.T.W. (Summer 99) - In Sept of 1999 Walthers/Kell (Assigned to review team) conduct 27 S.T.W.'s street interviews. 17 Ed. POI390 as being a violent chist.</p> <p>Ed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - numerous S.T.W. pick-ups - constantly drives / numerous veh's - Cocaine addicted - Edt around neck - B.T. / sock over mouth / escapes vehicle <p>OI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On Bad Date Sheets in 1995-1997 - Around driving around "trios" - Record dating back to: 1976 includes - Sex Assault, App Sex Ass, L.O.M., <p>OI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charged with numerous sex offences by Walthers/Kell. - Det. Trzwicki assumes invert and changes with more counts in May '00. - Still awaiting trial (as of force of). <p>NEGATIVE</p> <p>POI390 NEG. RNA. as informed by Sgt. G. Field.</p>

Persons of Interest

NO VERINT REQ'D
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Ranking


Name

Comments

① Pickton, Robert William
49-1024

- ⑤ surfaced during VPD farrow
Team investigation of missing person
Sarah Davies. (last seen 28-04-13)
(Crime Stopper Tip) (Aug 98)
- Det. Lysine (Chaff) conducted investigation
 - Cst. Paul McClell (Kemp) included in his file.
 - Charged with attempt murder, Unlawful
Confinement (Cognate file) - No
convictions - **VIC97** (Victim)
 - Violent towards S.T.W.'s. **STW** (Victim)
 - Pick up in vehicle, drive to
res. (10000) in Port Coquitlam.
 - handcuffed (V), fight both parties slashed (stabbed)
with knife.
 - In building down (from Davies)
 - by farrow
 - Source info that he was in possession
of "bloody woman's" clothing (Discarded by
investigators)
 - Numerous vehicles / plates
 - Source info (Edgington) re sex assault
at Pickton's res. and subsequently
seeing "farrow" hanging out
back (Pickton stopping steps of stairs "st")
 - Pickton also had "freezers" on his property
 - Edgington "interviewed" re: info. "Not
credible" - Name should be "polygraph"
 - Actual by Cpl. McClell that
DNA comparison to his crime scene
was negative. (01-05-10)

NEG-DNA

Ranking	Name	Comments
(4)	(10) POI2372 PID	<p> Sure info via RCMP cr. John Woodlock (99-08-05) that (5) is still active in (1) cocaine/crack. Solicit D.T.E.S. - Labeled, takes to res - exchange "res" for "drugs" - West side res (using s.w. address as rooming) - Used (?) to drive used PIP - Access to weapons (see 00-46901) - Previous contact with 2 S.W.'s known to U.P.D. Arrow Team and one Richmond homicide (✓) - Rich Rount </p>
		
		<p>- No PIT</p>

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Persons of Interest

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
(12)	POI1127 PID	<p>Interest in POI1127 is listed by Det McCluskey (Ransom Team)</p> <p>PIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard P.O. (Montreal Inst) (2001/03) - Extensive Record, includes aggravated sexual assault, forcible confinement, gross indecency (1965 - 70) - Assault during 1995 times (Positive Completed in 56) - Sex assault 6 young females - Molested 1st times a day (sexual completion) - rapist, threats to "kill" - oral sex in front of children - anal sex - has told others he has "killed before" - "1999 sex assault" - priest/hypnotic/picked up - D.T.E.S. - Sex assault, brother has 70y - has lived in Maple Ridge, Hunnys Mills area - Neg DNA (Almond may or) <p><u>Neg DNA</u></p>

07/30/98

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CITY CLERK/ADMIN @001/002

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Ministry of
Municipal Affairs
and Housing

Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner

ORDER

This is Exhibit "E" referred to in

TO David Picton
953 Dominion Ave.,
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3C 3V4

Pursuant to Section 22 of the Fire Services Act the affidavit of Randy Shaw

sworn before me at Vancouver
this 31st day of October 1998

Barry Smith
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within British Columbia

Having inspected the premises owned (owned or occupied) by you to

wit- assembly occupancy (type of occupancy) located at (Lot 6 Section 3 and 4 Plan 7491) (legal description)

Otherwise known as 2552 Burns Road, Port Coquitlam, B.C. (street address), British Columbia.

on the 12 day of May, 1998.

I FIND THAT Under Section 21B of the British Columbia

Fire Services Act, that the above mentioned premises are so used or
occupied that fire would endanger life or property.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me and under Section 22 of the Fire Services Act (see back hereof) you are HEREBY ORDERED TO:

Cease the usage as an assembly occupancy of the above mentioned premises
(Piggy's Palace) until the above mentioned premises complies with the
1992 British Columbia Fire Code, and all required work is completed to
the satisfaction of local authorities.

The work involved in this Order must be completed within 90 hours/days after receipt of this order.

Witness my hand at 947 Harrison, British Columbia, this 12 day of MAY, 1998.

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT
PRINT NAME & TELEPHONE NO. OF RECIPIENT

DATE RECEIVED

LOCAL ASSISTANT TO THE FIRE COMMISSIONER (SIGNATURE)

Randy C. Shaw
PRINT NAME OF LOCAL ASSISTANT

1725 Broadway Street.
ADDRESS OF LOCAL ASSISTANT

1287
BADGE NO.

944-5460

TELEPHONE NO.

ITEM 1805

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ON THE 12 DAY OF JULY 1998

served a copy of the Order on reverse hereto to

DAVID PICKTON
(Print Name of Recipient)AT 953 Portion, BRITISH COLUMBIA
(Location)

(Position)

The following is an extract from the Fire Services Act which is reproduced for convenience.

Inspection of fire hazards

21. On complaint of a person interested or, if believed advisable, without complaint, the fire commissioner and his inspectors may at all reasonable times enter any premises anywhere in the Province to inspect them and ascertain whether or not
- (a) the premises are in a state of disrepair that a fire starting in them might spread rapidly to endanger life or other property;
 - (b) the premises are so used or occupied that fire would endanger life or property;
 - (c) combustible or explosive material is kept or other flammable conditions exist on the premises so as to endanger life or property;
 - (d) a fire hazard exists on the premises.

RS 1960-149-17(1); 1974-34-12; 1978-22-2.

Order to remedy conditions

22. (1) After an inspection the fire commissioner, or an inspector with his authority, may in writing order that within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the order,
- (a) where section 21(a) applies, the owner remove or destroy the premises, or the owner or occupier repair the premises;
 - (b) where section 21(b) applies, the owner or occupier alter the use or occupancy of the premises;
 - (c) where section 21(c) applies, the occupier remove or keep securely the combustible or explosive material or remedy the flammable condition;
 - (d) where section 21(d) applies, the owner or occupier remove or take proper precautions against the fire hazard.
- (2) The owner, occupier or person in charge shall after the receipt of an order comply with it.
- (3) The cost of complying with an order shall, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, be borne by the owner. Where, on the owner's default, the occupier pays the cost, the occupier has the right of action or set off against the owner for the cost actually and necessarily paid in complying with the order.

Power of local assistants

24. A local assistant may, in the municipality or part of the Province for which he is local assistant, exercise the powers conferred by sections 21 and 22, and, with the written approval of the fire commissioner, the powers conferred by section 23.

Appeal to fire commissioner

27. (1) Where a local assistant makes an order under sections 21 to 24 to remove or to keep secure combustible or explosive material or to remedy a flammable condition, the occupier may, by registered letter mailed within 48 hours after receipt of the order, appeal to the fire commissioner.
- (2) Where a local assistant makes an order under sections 21 to 24 to repair, remove or destroy premises, or to alter the use or occupancy of premises, or to remove or to take proper precautions against a fire hazard, the owner or occupier may, by registered letter mailed within 10 days after receipt of the order, appeal to the fire commissioner.
- (3) The fire commissioner shall promptly investigate each appeal, affirm, modify or revoke the order appealed from, and in writing communicate his decision and his reasons to the owner or occupier and to the maker of the order.

RS 1960-149-21; 1974-34-14; 1978-22-2.

Other appeals

28. (1) Where an order under section 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 or 30 involves the loss or expenditure of more than \$500, the owner or occupier, if dissatisfied with the order or decision, may, within 5 days of its receipt apply for review of it by petition to the Supreme Court.
- (2) The owner or occupier shall file the petition with the registrar of the court and give notice of it in writing to the fire commissioner.
- (3) The court shall hear and determine the appeal and make the order it believes proper. The decision is final, except that on a point of law an appeal lies to the Court of Appeal.

For full details, please consult the Fire Services Act and Regulations.

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Appeals to the Fire Commissioner are to be addressed to:
OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER

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