

Exhibit 180

My experience of VPD in stark contrast to inquiry testimony

Missing hookers' were low priority for VPD, civilians tell inquiry; Sexist and racist attitudes were common among police, former employee testifies, April 24

The Pickton inquiry appears to be demonizing the male officers of the Vancouver police department.

Testimony by the two civilian clerks of the department, one from Missing Persons and the other a 911 operator paint a portrait of the officers vastly different to my experience while working as a 911 operator and police dispatcher from 1962 to 1996.

I worked with and was supervised by several of the officers who testified at the trial, as well as countless others over the years who did two-year stints in Communications as part of training toward promotions.

Probably 99 per cent of these men treated the public, including prostitutes and aboriginals, with equal integrity, respect and compassion.

Such remarks as "she is only a hooker" or "he is only a drunk Indian" were not part of their vocabulary, either in public or private conversation.


I have no present connection with the VPD, but despite all the negative publicity, I believe we are lucky to have such a great group of officers in whom we can have confidence.

G. E. BONNIE THIELE
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our justice system.
Put Parent away and burn his driver's licence.
Mike Dickinson, Burnaby

Crocodile tears

With his past driving record of 64 violations, ranging from speeding to running red lights and stop signs, the latest violation even after he killed Silas O'Brien in a road-rage incident, forget about his crocodile tears in court.

He has no intention of reforming his driving habits ever. When he is sentenced on May 10, the judge should issue a severe sentence and remove his driving privileges forever. Get this nutcase off the road before he kills again.

George Pearson, Richmond

Police compassionate

The Pickton inquiry appears to be ending up as a demotionization of the male officers of the Vancouver Police Department.

The testimony of the two civilian clerks in the department paints a portrait of the officers vastly different to my experience while working as a 911 operator and police dispatcher between May 1962 and December 1996.

I worked with and was supervised by several of the officers who have testified at the trial. Probably 99 per cent of these men treated the public, including prostitutes and aboriginals, with equal integrity, respect and compassion.

Many mistakes were obviously made and acknowledged in the investigation of Pickton's murders and no words of remorse or regrets can ease the pain of the victims' families, I am sure.

Despite the negative publicity,



Road-rage killer Brent Parent had 64 previous convictions.

NICK PROCAYLO — PNG FILES

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Bonnie Thiele, Vancouver

Police incompetent

Re: Coroner's inquest into Michael Vann Hubbard's death.

Letter-writer Paul Davey on Friday points out that a coroner's inquest is inadequate for scrutinizing police. I'd go further and say the Michael Vann Hubbard inquest didn't even address the most important issue. His death shows a very serious problem with police recruiting. Evidently some Vancouver cops couldn't handle day shifts at a convenience store.

Greg Klein, Vancouver

Open your own books

Phil Hochstein's idea that unions should open their books to the taxpayer because of their tax-exempt status is laughable.

Many businesses, and even entire industries, get massive tax breaks. Following his logic the taxpayer is subsidizing them as well, so I'd like to pop into any number of corporate headquarters or churches and see their books.

The only thing transparent is Hochstein's mission to lower middle-class wages so he and his business cronies can make even more money.

Eric Ellemo, Abbotsford

...IOUS BILL 22 instead of cursing the individual teachers involved?

I've been teaching for 27 years and have supervised many dances, activities and events. Most teachers I know do the same. We didn't do it for merit pay or pats on the back. We did it because it enriched our students' learning.

We don't need condescending lectures about what a good teacher supposedly is or is not. We need a little support because this bill is really hurting us.

Lee Thompson, Abbotsford

Dedicated but fed up

Re: Marliise Reuter's letter on April 22.

We, the teachers directly involved with the recent production of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* at Maple Creek Middle School, wish to clarify a point. To read the letter, one would think we care more for our students and are "more dedicated" than our colleagues. We fully support the BCTF action and are appalled that our provincial government has put teachers into a position where our only recourse is to withdraw our volunteer time. Had the play been scheduled later, we would certainly have cancelled it.

Mike Galliford and Judy Grant, Maple Creek Middle School, Coquitlam

For the record

Through an editing error, a letter to the editor in Sunday's paper by Steve Vanden-Eykel concerning bike lanes mistakenly attributed comments to "Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robinson." The mayor's surname is, of course, Robertson. Vanden-Eykel was referring to comments by a previous letter-writer, Greg Robinson.

The real question those in favour of are pests or prop...

Mandela's fa

They kept Nelson in prison for nearly 30 years. He was elected president and got the Nobel Prize.

Enforce the

The existing law is not enforced or the justice system is not credible.

Seed of an id

Emery's plan was to plant many seeds so people would grow so much cancer. The government could arrest and jail every doctor. Conservatives need to legislate their mercy for everyone!

Curses

He is a curse.

Let's face it!

Emery is the default face for police in the media. Many good people with good character and professions, have all been reduced to a face to cops, physicians and pharmacists?

Not civil or ju

Why no arrests of the police at the 420 rally? How can society be called civilized and just when blatant Code laws are broken?

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