Inhibit 731

MISSING WOMEN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK WOLTHERS

I, Mark Wolthers, of the City of Richmond, in the Province of British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. I am a former police officer with the Vancouver Police Department, now retired, and as such have personal knowledge of the facts set out below.
- 2. This Affidavit is in answer to questions posed to me in writing by the Attorney General of Canada. The questions, but not the attachments referred to in the questions, are attached to this affidavit as Exhibit "A."
- 3. In response to the questions under the topic, "Photograph canvass conducted April 5 and 12, 2000," I have reviewed my notes and those of Det. Cst. Fell, and agree that four (4) STWs identified Pickton.
- 4. In response to the questions under the topic, "Photograph canvass conducted April 5 and 12, 2000," I do not have a specific recollection of whether I advised others on the MWRT about the picks. I have no reason to believe I did not advise the MWRT, but I have no recollection that I did. I certainly did not deliberately withhold that information. If my partner Doug Fell advised other members of the MWRT, there would be no reason for me to do so as well. We provided our notes when we left in mid-May, 2000, so if anyone was interested in following up what I said orally, they could have asked me or looked at my notes.
- 5. In response to the questions under the topic "searching 'bad date' sheets", I recall that Det. Cst. Fell and I did review "bad date sheets". I spent a great deal of time trying to identify persons of interest and investigative leads.

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- 6. The bad date sheets were provided through DEYAS. It would be extremely rare that a name would appear on a bad date sheet; the information would be descriptive to varying degrees with respect to the incident and perpetrator. The bad date sheets would sometime contain licence plate information or partial plate information, but these numbers were often inaccurate.
- 7. I would have noted names if they had appeared on the bad date sheets, particularly those names which were also listed on the MWRT persons of interest list.
- 8. I never saw Pickton's name on any bad date sheet.
- 9. I swear this Affidavit in response to the questions posed by the Attorney General of Canada and for no collateral or improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at Vancouver,, British Columbia, this 315th day of May, 2012

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Cross-Examination Questions for witness Mark Wolthers

Submitted by: the Attorney General of Canada

TOPIC: Photograph canvass conducted April 5 and 12, 2000

Please refer to your notes of April 12, 2000, marked at the Inquiry proceedings as Exhibit 174, Tab 10, page 28. A copy is attached to this list of questions.

Is it true that, on April 12, 2000, you showed a photograph of Robert Pickton to a sex trade worker in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, and that the sex trade worker recognized the image of Robert Pickton?

If not, please explain why not.

Please cross-reference your notes with the notes of your partner, Detective Doug Fell, dated April 5 and 12, 2000. These notes are marked as Exhibit 174, Tab 9, pages 90-91, and 98-99. Copies are attached to this list of questions.

Would you agree that, based on the notes taken by yourself on April 12, 2000, and the notes of Det. Fell on April 5 and 12, 2000, that the photo canvass you both conducted in April 2000 resulted in a total of 4 sex trade workers (Desjarlais, Younker, STW 16552, and STW 8901) confirming they recognized the image of Robert Pickton?

If not, please explain why not.

Do you recall providing the above information, or any of it, to other members of the Vancouver Police Department, in the period from January 3, 1997 to February 4, 2002?

If so, please give the names of the persons you provided this information to, and the dates, or approximate dates, when you communicated this information to them?

Please also provide the means by which you communicated this information.

Please see page 2

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TOPIC: Searching "bad date" sheets

Please refer to page 3 of your interview with Deputy Chief Doug LePard on March 23, 2004, which is marked as Exhibit 41B, Tab24. A copy is attached to this list of questions.

In that interview, it appears you informed DC LePard that you had reviewed "bad date" lists.

What, if any, "bad date" sheets did you review in the course of your investigations between January 3, 1997, and February 4, 2002? Please describe the organization(s) to which the "bad date" sheets belonged, and the dates or approximate dates you conducted your review(s).

Did Robert Pickton's name appear on any of these "bad date" sheets?

If so:

On which "bad date" sheets did Robert Pickton's name appear?

How many times did Robert Pickton's name appear?

What calendar dates, if any, was Robert Pickton's name associated with on the "bad date" sheets?

What information about Robert Pickton was otherwise contained in the "bad date" sheets you reviewed?

If not:

Were you aware of Robert Pickton as a person of interest in the missing women investigation such that you would have noted his name had it appeared on a "bad date" list?

Can you confirm that the names of many other persons besides Robert Pickton appeared on the "bad date" sheets you reviewed?

List of attachments for Mark Wolthers:

- 1. Notes of Mark Wolthers dated April 12, 2000: Exhibit 174, Tab 10, p. 28
- 2. Notes of Doug Fell dated April 5, 12, 2000: Exhibit 174, Tab 9, p. 90-91 and 98-99
- 3. Interview with DC LePard dated March 3, 2004: Exhibit 41B, Tab. 24