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# Premier Davis Unaware of Threat Investigation Until After Shooting



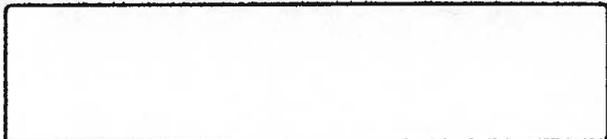
The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has addressed a fatal shooting in St. Mary's Bay yesterday by one of their members.

RCMP are conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident, during which an RNC officer shot and killed a 59-year-old Mitchell's Brook man. The dead man, identified by people in the community as Don Dunphy, had apparently engaged a provincial cabinet minister in a public conversation on Twitter that at one point used threatening language in reference to political figures.

An RNC officer, who was part of the Premier's security detail, was in Mitchell's Brook yesterday to follow up on an investigation, and had attended the man's residence alone.

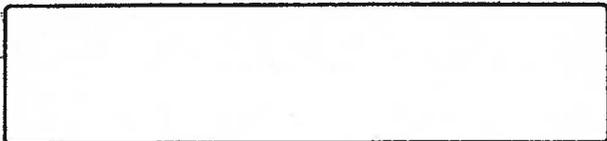
RNC Chief Bill Janes addressed the media this morning at RNC Headquarters.

He offered his condolences to the family of Don Dunphy but could not say much on what led the RNC officer to the man's home, or the subsequent shooting.



He says it's all part of the RCMP's investigation into the incident.

The officer involved is off for the time being. Chief Janes says he's been speaking with the officer, who is being offered assistance in dealing with the situation.



He says he believes the officer's feelings will change over time, and they have an employee assistance program to help them with the situation.

## Premier Was Unaware of Investigation Leading Up to Shooting

Premier Paul Davis says he was unaware of the matter leading up to the RNC investigation and shooting.

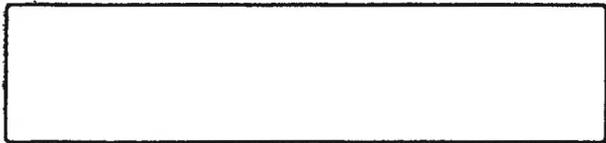
Davis told reporters today that he's spoken with the officer involved, a man he's known for some time, and offered him his best regards. The Premier, who is a former RNC officer, says the matter is upsetting.

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Davis says there are no immediate plans to change policy surrounding the way in which elected officials engage with the public.



He says for now, he's leaving that up to individual members.

Davis says things have changed, and while he likes to attend some functions without security, that may need to change.



He says just yesterday he attended a hockey game with his wife in Paradise with no security. He says he's had that conversation with his security staff and his family and he may need to change the way he does things.

Davis says he has not yet contacted the Dunphy family to offer his condolences.

#### **Earlier Story**

VOCM News has uncovered more details about the fatal shooting in Mitchell's Brook yesterday and its connection to the Premier.

Officials with Paul Davis' office and the RNC are not commenting, but sources have told VOCM News that the fatal shot was fired by a member of the Premier's security detail, who is also a member of the RNC.

People who live in the area have told VOCM that the man who was killed was 59-year-old Donald Dunphy.

Dunphy had an exchange on Twitter with Cabinet Minister Sandy Collins on Friday that stated "won't mention any names this time, 2 prick MHAs might have good family members I may hurt." It's not known if that was the exchange that prompted the visit by the officer who went to the home yesterday afternoon at about 2:30 to investigate a 'perceived threat'.