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**Re: Internal Investigation**  
**RNC File# 2005-22808**

May 28<sup>th</sup>/2005

Sgt. Jesso

The following is a summary of events relating to the above noted internal investigation:

On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2005(1258hrs), I forwarded an e-mail message (Appendix A) to Chief Crown Attorney - [REDACTED] - informing him that I would be out of the country from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 until May 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, and unable to attend court during that period. At the time, the only subpoenas I had for that period were for Traffic Court, and arrangements were being made for postponements.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, I was served with a subpoena to attend provincial court on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2005, regarding the trial of [REDACTED]. At this time I had anticipated being back in Newfoundland by the 17<sup>th</sup> of May and therefore did not foresee an issue with being able to attend court on that date. Consequently, no effort was made to contact the Crown Attorney's office.


On April 26<sup>th</sup> 2005, it appears [REDACTED] forwarded a request to RNC HQ asking that I attempt to locate a witness for the above mentioned trial. This request is stamped as being received by the Chiefs office on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2005 (Appendix B). My last scheduled shift was on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2005, at which time I had not received the noted request.

As you are well aware, I was stuck in the Virgin Islands until May 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, and had extremely limited access to a telephone, and was unable to call the Crown Attorney's office.

I returned to work on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2005, and was given the noted request. Realizing the trial had passed, I forwarded an e-mail to [REDACTED] requesting an update; Which she responded to on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2005. (Appendix C)

As my detention was ultimately my fault, I accept full responsibility for failing to further notify the crown attorney's office of my inability to attend court, and for failing to attend.

Sincerely

  
Joe Smyth # [REDACTED]

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