



Criminal Intelligence Unit
Threat Assessment

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CAVEAT

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Threat Assessment**

OVERVIEW:

On April 5th, 2015, a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary attended the area of Mitchell's Brook regarding an ongoing police investigation. The RNC officer intended to speak with Donald Dunphy, in relation to threatening comments he had posted on his Twitter account. The comments made by Dunphy appeared to have been directed towards Provincial Cabinet Minister, Sandy Collins, making reference to political figures. Dunphy's comments were perceived to be somewhat threatening and stated, "won't mention names this time, 2 prick dead MHA's might have good family members I may hurt". Shortly after the officer arrived at Dunphy's residence, the situation quickly escalated, resulting in Dunphy being fatally shot by the officer.

On April 6th, 2015, members of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary were made aware of several Facebook comments made by [REDACTED]. The comments appear to have been made in response to the shooting which occurred in Mitchell's Brook. [REDACTED] is an advocate for the "Injured Worker's Coalition" and has a history of general discontent with the government and Worker's Compensation. [REDACTED] appears to have much in common with Donald Dunphy and plans to attend the Confederation Building on [REDACTED], in protest for injured workers. [REDACTED] also indicates he is looking for the support of others, in joining him at the Confederation Building for "justice".

CONCERN:

The death of Donald Dunphy may entice other individuals throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, to respond with violent/threatening behavior directed towards police and/or government officials. Careful consideration must be given with respect to potentially threatening comments and/or actions of any person(s) advocating in protest of this tragic incident.

INTELLIGENCE/THREAT SUMMARY:

Information has been received which indicates [REDACTED] has been actively posting comments on his Facebook page, which reference the fatal shooting involving Donald Dunphy. [REDACTED] is an advocate for the "Injured Worker's Coalition" and appears to be displeased with the government, police and the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC). [REDACTED] also has an outstanding work injury claim since 1980 in the [REDACTED] and has been using social media as a method of expressing his frustrations.

In February, 2014, Police were made aware of threatening comments [REDACTED] posted on Facebook. As a result of these comments, members of the RNC's Criminal Intelligence Unit forwarded an Alert/BOLO, to all members regarding [REDACTED]. On February 3rd, 2014, RNC Patrol Services attended [REDACTED] and spoke with [REDACTED]. While speaking with [REDACTED], it became evident that he suffered from paranoia and had



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multiple conspiracy theories involving the government and workers compensation claims. Although [REDACTED] appeared to display signs of paranoia, he was coherent and was aware of his surroundings. When questioned about his violent Facebook posts, [REDACTED] admitted to making the posts but claimed he would never carry out any of the violent acts he had referenced. [REDACTED] claimed that his Facebook rants were a way he could openly express frustration surrounding his PTSD. [REDACTED] agreed to tone down the violent comments posted on Facebook and stated he would seek legal advice in dealing with the issues surrounding Worker's Compensation. At the time, Police Officer's did not believe there were sufficient grounds to detain [REDACTED] under the Mental Health Care and Treatment Act.

To date, there has been limited intelligence received regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a historical criminal record which dates back to 1973 and includes;

THREAT LEVEL:

Low – [REDACTED] has an historical criminal history, consisting primarily of property related offences. There have been several calls for service over the past few years, all of which involved [REDACTED] posting comments on social media regarding his discontent with Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC). [REDACTED] years old and has been posting comments on social media for several years, which are similar in nature to the comments made on April 6th, 2015.

CONCLUSION:

Upon complete review of numerous databases and social media websites available to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, it is believed there is a very low risk to political figures and members of the public service, regarding the comments referred to by [REDACTED]

Based on the threat assessment, regarding comments made by [REDACTED] attending the Confederation Building as detailed above, the following recommendations are made:

- Contact to be made with security services responsible for the Confederation Building (Cory Grandy) and Cst. Eddie Benoit of the Premier's Protective Detail. A narrative summary/threat assessment and a photograph depicting [REDACTED] will be provided for reference.
- Members of the Criminal Intelligence Unit will conduct periodic surveillance in the area of the Confederation Building, during regular business hours on [REDACTED]

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