

**Steve Burke - DUNPHY: Sudden Death - Advance Message**

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Caption - DUNPHY, Donald: Sudden Death

Name - Donald DUNPHY (DOB 1956-08-23) Route 93, Mitchell's Brook, NL (deceased)

A/Sgt. Joseph SMYTH, Premier's Protection Detail, RNC

Summary of Incident- A/Sgt Joe SMYTH of the RNC was conducting investigative follow-up in the area of Mitchell's Brook, near Mount Carmel in Holyrood Detachment area. SMYTH is part of the Premier's protective detail, and had been made aware of a Twitter comment that caused concerns, directed toward Provincial politicians. A/Sgt SMYTH decided he should speak with the poster of the Twitter comment to determine the meaning of the post, and assess the poster of the comment. SMYTH conducted background checks on the individual, a Donald DUNPHY, and did not discover any information of concern. Before attending DUNPHY's residence, SMYTH contacted the Holyrood Detachment to advise that he was in the area and would be making inquiries. He asked about any RCMP background information on DUNPHY, discussed the need for back-up from Holyrood members, and declined same, citing a low risk assessment. A short while later, SMYTH advised he had been confronted by DUNPHY with a firearm and had used his service weapon to shoot DUNPHY. DUNPHY was dead at the scene.

Name of Supervisor who was advised of the incident - Sgt. Sue EFFORD 2015-11-02 (recent activity).

Name of Investigator - Cpl. Steven BURKE

Media Strategy - Initial Media release sent . Media Strategy On-going.

Follow-up information:

On September 23, 2015 Forensic Science and Identification Services Laboratory Report – Firearms Section:

- The report revealed that the .22 caliber rifle was operational and a firearm within the meaning of the Criminal Code.
- The rifle was not serial numbered.
- That the .40 caliber pistol was operational and functioned in a semi-automatic manner.
- The pistol fired the spent casings found on the DUNPHY scene.
- Clothes worn by DUNPHY showed characteristics consistent with gunshot damage. No firearm discharge residue pattern was observed.

This Laboratory was required by both the Subject Matter Expert (Use of Force) and Darryl BARR was his 3D Imaging Report before their reports could be completed.

On October 26, 2015 I called and updated the daughter of Don DUNPHY, Meghan DUNPHY, that the investigation was on-going and police were awaiting 2 reports in particular, the SME (Use of Force) and 3D Imaging. DUNPHY appreciated the update and was cordial with police.

On October 27, 2015 I received email correspondence from Joe SMYTH advising a recent Social Media activity including pictures of him and his family. The conversation on Twitter surrounds around statements like "the premier's guard killed DUNPHY". "200 hundred days have passed and still no answers. Sgt. SMYTH sent vacationing after he shoot a man dead in his home". "On Easter Sunday no less. Double time and a half to commit murder." Picture of SMYTH with comment, "Wanted by NL/CAN public for questioning in the shooting of #dondunphy."

On October 29, 2015 I was informed that the SME (Use of Force) report was at the Peer Review stage at should be completed in a week.

Also, on October 29, 2015 I was updated by Darryl BARR for 3D imaging and he advised that he will be ready to begin his preliminary review starting the week of November 2-6. Once the review is completed, BARR can offer a time line for completion.

On November 1, 2015 media story was issued calling for public gathering to get answers in the Donald DUNPHY shooting. Group to gather at the Happy Hummus Hut to plan peaceful protests while politicians campaign for the provincial general election.

On November 2, 2014 I received a call from Joe SMYTH looking for any update in the investigation. Member provided the update that police were waiting on 2 outstanding reports (SME Use of Force and 3D Imaging). SMYTH spoke about the recent Social Media conversation about him and the affect it has on him and his family. SMYTH advised that last week he and his family stayed with relatives while he had security equipment installed in his residence. He also advised that his wife and child are currently on vacation "down south" as a result of this recent attention. He added that he said pictures of his family on Social Media linking them to him while commenting on the DUNPHY shooting.

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