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**Greg Hicks - Media draft for review at your meeting.**

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Sirs, Sgt, Cpl...

Here is a combination of the suggestions received from all of you. For your review and revision at your meeting. Let me know when its time to head out to Holyrood and I will manage from there. I have already had a number of requests for on camera interviews later this afternoon or this evening re our anticipated updated media release.

Rod, I may need a hand later at your office re anticipated media arrival. Time to be determined.

Greg

On Friday, April 3rd, a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary member assigned to the Premier's Protective Detail was advised of the existence of a 'tweet of concern' which was seemingly directed towards provincial politicians. On Sunday, April 5th the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Officer attended a residence in Mitchell's Brook, near Mount Carmel, NL, to investigate the matter. Statements in the media that the RNC member was responding to an established threat have been overstated. The purpose of the visit was to place some context around the comment so that a risk assessment could be made.

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Officer conducted a personal safety threat assessment before and during this duty, and determined the risk to be low. As part of the RNC member's safety protocol, local RCMP members in Holyrood were advised of his location and were consulted. Risk assessments are an ongoing event and can change quickly.

The RCMP initial investigation indicates that once inside the residence, there was a dramatic shift in the initial risk assessment. Despite identifying himself as a police officer and being invited into the residence, the RNC member was faced with a person who now possessed a loaded firearm. In response to this threat, the RNC member reacted with lethal force. The male was hit by XXXXX shots and died immediately at the scene.

It has been determined that the Officer fired XXXX times at the male.

An examination of the scene has located a .22 caliber rifle on the floor next to the male. The rifle was seized and during examination it was determined to be loaded.

This matter remains under investigation by the RCMP Major Crime Unit.  
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Anticipated q and a,

Q1 Did the RNC officer identify himself?

Yes, the RNC Officer had identified himself upon arrival at the residence and was invited into the house by the deceased.

Q2 Why did the RNC Officer go to the residence on Easter Sunday when the tweet was received on Good Friday?

It took until late Saturday for the identity of the person who posted the tweet to be established and then their address to be determined.

Q3 Why did the RCMP not go with the RNC officer?

This was offered however based on the risk assessment by the RNC Officer he did not believe it was necessary. This is not an unusual practice. The two police forces often call and advise that they will be going into each other's jurisdiction to do follow up inquiries. Risk assessments will determine what assistance may be needed or not.

Q4 What was the male mental health status?

I can not answer that question at this time. The investigation is ongoing and this will form part of the profile of the deceased.

Q5 Was there a marihuana grow operation at the residence?

Yes, this was not a factor associated to the police attendance to the residence. The male had a permit through Health Canada and once again this will be part of the ongoing investigation.

Q6 Was the male under any influence of drugs or alcohol?

The toxicology results from the autopsy will take some time to be determined.