



October 4, 2010

RCMP Deputy Commissioner Gary Bass  
RCMP E Division  
Vancouver, British Columbia

VIA FAX: 604-264 3547

Dear Deputy Commissioner Bass:

**RE: Allegations in Prince George, British Columbia (Jennifer Alexander)**

I write to you in my position as President of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. We have been following recent developments around a set of allegations made against RCMP officers in Prince George, British Columbia, by Ms. Jennifer Alexander.

While we understand that the original set of allegations may have involved an RCMP-initiated code of conduct investigation based on videotape reviewed by the head of the local detachment, it is clear to us from recent media reports that Ms. Alexander is making a wide range of very serious and criminal allegations against multiple police officers at the Prince George RCMP detachment.

Increasing community concern around this matter, we are also aware that advocacy groups remain interested in the Judge Ramsay case where aboriginal girls were sexually abused, and that this kind of conduct by people in power is not impossible to imagine – it has, in fact, happened before and in this same geographic area.

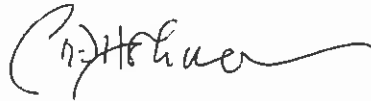
While the original decision to keep the investigation in house may have made sense based solely on the contents of the video, given that the RCMP and the community is now aware of the depth and breadth and seriousness of the allegations, we urge you to move quickly to request an outside police force, or at the very least an outside RCMP detachment, to conduct this investigation. We understand that the officer who has been asked to conduct this investigation is new to the detachment, and respectfully submit that asking a new officer to investigate her colleagues in such a charged set of allegations is not a scenario that appears to us to be fair either to the investigating officer, who must spend months or years

at this detachment after conducting this investigation, or to the complainant.

We will not, in this letter, canvas the multiple issues around the investigation of the death of Clayton Alvin Willey, the tasing of J.A.L., and the assault of Mr. McDonald as described in our media release; however, we will note that the community of Prince George, even at the best of times, has good reason to be skeptical about the ability of the detachment to investigate itself.

We thank you in advance for your quick action on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Holmes", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Holmes  
*President*

*cc. Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, BY FAX: 604-501-4095*