

TO; Commission For Public Complaints
Against the RCMP,
Surrey, B.C.

September 15th, 2011

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Complaint against Williams Lake RCMP Cst. Yung and others

My daughter Jamie Haller, age 17, was punched and beaten by Cst. Yung, while her hands were cuffed in the back of a police car. I witnessed this while other officers stood around. It happened late, Saturday September 10th, 2011 in Williams Lake.

This started with my daughter phoning me around 11:15 pm., saying the "I.O.'s" were chasing her. I.O. stands for Indian Outlaws. She said she was at the school yard, off Moon Ave. She wanted help and said a "white lady" called the police for her.

I drove around looking for her. When I came onto Western Ave. I seen a number of police and cars with flashing lights. I was with my 12 year old daughter, Loretta Jeff-Combs.

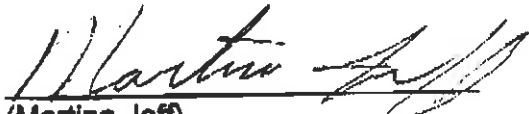
I saw Jamie on the ground, crying and handcuffed. I got out and ran towards her. She was having a panic attack. She is very small and has never been in trouble with the police before. The police were surrounding her. I tried talking to her and one police officer said "she's going to the cells tonight". Then two officers grabbed her and threw her roughly into the cop car. They shut the doors. She started kicking the windows and yelling "mom", "mom". I asked if I could talk to her. An officer told me to stay back. Two officers then opened the car doors, one of each side. I heard one say "keep kicking and you'll see what happens". The officer on the passenger side door was Cst. Yung. He put his whole upper body in the car and started punching. I was close enough to see the movement of his arms, as he was striking her. Cst. Yung stepped out and another officer said you can see her now. Cst. Yung started walking away really fast. He was opening and closing his fists.

When I looked in the car I saw my daughter. Her face started swelling really bad. There was blood coming down on each side of her mouth. She was handcuffed, with her hands behind her back. My youngest daughter and I stood there crying and feeling helpless. Then we drove home.

On Sunday morning, perhaps 7:30 am. I picked up my daughter at the police. She was all beaten up and I started crying again. I took her straight to the emergency. The hospital people said they were worried about concussion. They took x-rays and gave her a demoral shot for pain. I took some photographs that show her face badly beaten and swollen. Jamie also told me that when she was in police cells police and guards made fun of her and told her to shut her fat lip.

Jamie and I are Aboriginal. I am a widow, raising four children. Jamie goes to school and works at the local Dairy Queen. When Jamie tried going to work her boss told her she could not work with the public, looking like that.

I believe Cst. Yung assaulted my daughter and caused her serious injuries.


(Martina Jeff)

