



November 18, 2011

Ian McPhail, Interim Chair
Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP
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Dear Mr. McPhail:

RE: Investigation of the death in custody of Clayton Alvin Willey

I am writing on behalf of the BC Civil Liberties Association in regard to the ongoing investigation into the death of Clayton Alvin Willey ("Mr. Willey").

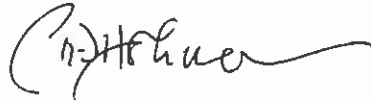
On January 15th, 2009 the Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP ("CPC") commenced a Chair-initiated complaint investigating deaths in custody that followed the use of a conducted energy weapon ("CEW"). This public interest investigation was designed to examine all in custody deaths that resulted following the use of a CEW between January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2009. In response to a request by the Solicitor General of British Columbia, this investigation was amended on November 23, 2009 by the CPC to have two additional grounds of inquiry specific to the death of Mr. Willey:

- Whether the RCMP members involved in the investigation of Mr. Willey's arrest and subsequent death conducted an investigation that was adequate, and free of actual or perceived conflict of interest; and
- Whether any other video evidence (other than the compilation video referred to above) exists and whether any RCMP member concealed, tampered with or otherwise inappropriately modified in any way, any evidence, in particular any video evidence, relating to the arrest of Mr. Willey.

In his request, the Solicitor General specifically pointed to the fact that this investigation was necessary "so that British Columbians can have continued confidence in the RCMP." However, nearly two years after the supposed commencement of this investigation, no results have been released to the public.

In this matter of utmost public importance, British Columbians have been left in the dark as to the status and findings of the CPC. We request that you provide an update on the status of this investigation. We also request that your office complete your investigation, if it has not done so already, as soon as possible as the investigation has dragged on well past the point to which it could be considered timely. If the investigation is complete, we request that you provide the results so that British Columbians can be informed about the results.

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