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EDSON RCMP REQUEST PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING MALE

Submitted by Edson RCMP

On June 19, 2020, Edson RCMP were conducting an unrelated investigation and became aware that Rick Paulson, a 66-year-old male from Wildwood, Alta., had gone missing in the early morning hours of June

19, 2020. Edson RCMP have concerns for his well-being. Edson RCMP, with the assistance of the RCMP Helicopter, have searched the area where Rick was last seen near Range Road 154 and Range Road 161 south of the McLeod River.

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RCMP USE OF LETHAL FORCE NEAR EVANSBURG NECESSARY & REASONABLE

On March 29, 2018, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of a 21-year-old Calgary man during an RCMP officer-involved shooting.

Submitted by Alberta Serious Incident Response Team

ASIRT's investigation was comprehensive, thorough and conducted using current investigative protocols. ASIRT interviewed all relevant police and civilian witnesses, including all subject officers who provided voluntary statements. Additionally, the investigation was aided considerably by the availability of significant, high-quality Watchguard video from a number of the RCMP vehicles.

On March 25, 2018, a

22-year-old woman, Nadia El-Dib, was found deceased behind a home in Calgary. An autopsy confirmed that she had been the victim of a particularly violent attack involving the use of an edged weapon and a fire-

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NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENT **KELLY SMITH**

Submitted by Grande **Public** Yellowhead **School Division**

GYPSD is pleased to announce that Kelly Smith has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Technology. Ms. Smith has been with the Division for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles. Ms. Smith completed her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Alberta in 2005 with a major in elementary education and minor in educational psychology, then went on to complete her Master's Degree in Educational Technology in 2017.

Ms. Smith began her teaching career at Mountain View School in Hinton. In 2015, she accepted a position as the Educational Technology Lead Teacher where she worked with staff across the Division to leverage technology for learning. She became the Director of the Technology Department in September of 2017 and led several innovative projects with a team of exceptional people who she credits with the many successes achieved during her tenure.

Growing up on Cape Breton Island is a source of pride for Smith who claims "you have to go there to understand." While she misses her island roots, she has



found comfort in her home in Hinton where she been an active member of the community for the past 31 years.

Ms. Smith has been working with the Senior Team in the capacity of Acting Assistant Superintendent since November of 2019 and is thrilled to be joining the team on a permanent basis. Ms. Smith would like to express her gratitude to Superintendent Lewis and the Board of Trustees for providing her with an opportunity to serve GYPSD in this leadership role.

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RCMP Use of Lethal Force Near Evansburg **Necessary & Reasonable**

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The Calgary Police Service (CPS) investigators quickly identified a suspect: a 21-yearold man who had briefly dated the young woman and was associated with the residence behind which she was found. A warrant was issued for the man for the offence of first-degree murder. He remained at large and was believed to be armed and dangerous.

On the morning of March 29, CPS advised RCMP officers that evidence placed the fugitive in the Evansburg area. He was believed to be armed with a CSA VZ.58 semi-automatic rifle and driving a dark blue 2004 Ford Explorer sport utility vehicle. The man had made statements to the effect that he would not go down without a fight. This information was shared with RCMP officers in the detachments west of Edmonton along the Highway 16 corridor.

At 5:13 p.m., while heading home at the end of his shift, an RCMP officer in full uniform and operating a black Chevrolet Tahoe, discreetly marked with black (shadow) reflective strips in the standard RCMP design pattern, encountered the blue Ford Explorer and began following the vehicle, calling in that they were now northbound on Highway 22, about 15 kilometres south of Highway 16. Efforts to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle were not successful and at 5:17 p.m., a police pursuit ensued.

The pursuit continued for approximately 70 minutes and covered approximately 140 kilometres, traveling north on Highway 22 onto Highway 16. The pursuit travelled east and west on Highway 16 as the man changed direction on the highway several times. As the pursuit continued, additional officers and police vehicles joined in. RCMP coordinated the response so that additional officers were positioned at intersections ahead of the pursuit to prevent civilians from accessing the highway and entering into the potentially dangerous ongoing event, and to prevent the man from escaping onto rural roads.

The man successfully evad-



CSA VZ.58 Semi-Automatic Rifle Recovered from Scene

ed four separate attempts to deploy spike belts during the pursuit. A fifth spike belt, placed on Highway 16 eastbound at Range Road 112, succeeded in damaging the vehicle's tires but the man was able to drive further until his vehicle became inoperable and stopped just east of Range Road 83, in the eastbound lanes of Highway 16.

As the vehicle slowed down, the man made a sharp 45-degree turn, coming to a stop angled across a portion of the outside eastbound lane of the highway, exposing the passenger side of the vehicle to the pursuing police vehicles. The placement of the vehicle provided a tactically advantageous position, providing cover and protection while the man fired upon police.

When the man's vehicle stopped, the officer immediately behind noted traffic in the westbound lanes of Highway 16 and deliberately

parked his police vehicle near the left shoulder in the eastbound lanes to limit the man's ability to flee across the median into the westbound lanes and also to prevent him from flanking police. As the closest police vehicle, the officer stopped approximately 17.4 metres away from the Ford Explorer. The remaining pursuing RCMP vehicles stopped in a staggered pattern on the highway behind the Explorer.

Civilian witnesses travelling in the westbound lanes of Highway 16 reported seeing the man exit his vehicle with what was described as a rifle or "machine gun," and immediately drop to one knee to take a firing stance, pointing at police "like he knew what he was doing."

The man immediately fired a shot at the closest RCMP vehicle, while the officer was exiting his marked police vehicle.

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MP SOROKA'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER TO SHOW REAL LEADERSHIP

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellow-head

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, made a statement in the House of Commons calling on the government to address the needs of constituents who are feeling isolated and have financial, emotional and physical hardships.

MP Soroka stated, "I believe we're at a pivotal point in our society, now more than ever. Many people have told me they are concerned and feeling hopeless about the future, their jobs, the economy and debt."

"I've had conversations about dictatorship, so-

cialism, communism and whether we still have a democratic society because they believe they have lost their freedoms and rights."

"I've been asked why, at a time when they can lose their freedoms that their father or grandfather had fought for. The conversations I had were not only about Canada's debt but that of other countries around the world. They want to know the plan and how society is going to exist when future generations will have to bear these huge financial burdens." MP Soroka concluded.

Watch the full statement at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4u5GRTUqlI0

Edson RCMP Request Public Assistance in Locating Missing Male

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Edson RCMP, along with the assistance of local area Search and Rescue teams will be conducting a coordinated search of the area later today.

Rick Paulson (also known as

Ricky Paulson) is described as:

- 5'6" tall
- 140 lbs
- Brown eyes
- · Shoulder length brown hair
- grey/brown unkempt beard Rick was last known to be wearing:
- Black / blue western style

shirt

- Faded black/grey vest
- Black jeans
- Black / orange running shoes

Police are asking the public for assistance in locating Rick. If you have any information as to his whereabouts,

please contact Edson RCMP at 780-723-8822. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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The man again fired upon that officer, causing a head injury. It was immediately apparent to some of the nearby RCMP officers that this officer had been shot, and that he appeared to have some sort of head injury that was bleeding profusely, though his initial status was unknown.

As soon as the man began firing on the officers, officers took positions of cover and eleven of the officers returned fire, firing multiple rounds from assorted duty firearms. It was difficult for the officers to assess whether they had disabled the man, as he was behind the vehicle and hard to see. What followed was an exchange of gunfire between RCMP officers and the man that lasted for about two minutes. During the firefight, independent witnesses saw that the man appeared to be reloading his firearm as he sheltered behind his disabled vehicle. He fired additional rounds at the RCMP officers/ vehicles from a position of cover behind the driver's side of the Ford Explorer. One minute and twelve seconds after the start of the gunfire, one of the officers near the front waved his arm, directing officers to "cease fire." One last shot was fired, when an officer perceived movement.

During the firefight, the injured officer crawled towards the back of his police vehicle, hampered by the head injury and blood obscuring his vision. He was pulled to safety through the concerted efforts of multiple officers to provide cover and physical assistance.



Yellowhead County is once again hosting its annual

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<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> When taking photos, choose an overview of your entire yard, along with which you like best (flower beds, water features, vegetable gardens, etc.). Do not feature any photos that identify your property or any individuals. If you need assistance emailing photos, call 1-800-814-3935 and we will assist you.

MP SOROKA CALLS ON THE **GOVERNMENT TO HELP CREATE** NEW JOBS IN DRAYTO

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, rose in the House of Commons to call on the government to

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provide support to a new business in Drayton Valley which would create 50 full-time jobs.

MP Soroka stated, " In my riding of Yellowhead, I have the Town of Drayton Valley, where oil and gas has been the main

employer until recent years."

"More than two weeks ago, I was informed that the new medical marijuana business needed financial assistance, and I sent an email to Minister Ng asking her for assistance

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for the community of Drayton Valley, to which I still haven't received a reply. This new business will create more than 50 permanent jobs in the area."

"Will the minister and the government help the community of Drayton Valley by financially assisting the business to create new jobs?

The Minister of the Environment, Johnathan Wilkinson, responded saying "...Certainly the focus of this government is on ensuring that we are addressing the needs of workers from coast to coast to coast."

"With respect to workers in Alberta and Saskatchewan, we have taken significant action in funding the clean-up of orphan wells, as well as funding to address and implement methane regulations to cut carbon emissions..."

The full exchange is available at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=xuycaFhugOo



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A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

I am proud to announce that as of June 16th, Alberta's public health emergency has been lifted. We've come a long way in addressing and fighting the virus, however we still need to be cautious in our interactions and maintain social distancing practices. Declaring a public health emergency on March 15th gave us the tools we needed to ensure we could respond to the pandemic and prevent the spread of infection. For example, it provided additional authority that helped AHS support long-term care facilities, and it provided the authority for health inspectors to enter any area of an airport to ensure compliance with public health measures, such as cleaning and physical distancing. For the most up to date information on how the government is responding to the pandemic and when you can expect to get back to work, check out alberta.ca/covid.

In order to better support the mental health of Albertans, our government is investing in online resources and virtual support for those seeking support during COVID-19. A \$21.6 million investment is expanding resources available to Albertans who are struggling, and is the first stage of a total \$53 million COVID-19 mental health action plan. This funding will help mental health organizations like Kids Help Phone, the Addiction and Mental Health Helplines, 211, and other organizations to expand their services. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional strains on the wellbeing of many Albertans, and this mental health and addictions recovery funding will help meet the needs of more Albertans.

I am happy to share that this week, our government introduced new legislation that would ensure our province has a fairer, faster, and more responsive justice system that reflects the needs of communities in Alberta. Bill 18 propos-

es the creation of a provincial parole board in Alberta. This system would better protect Albertans, their loved ones, and their property from repeat offenders, including parolees. The Alberta Parole Board would determine parole or early release eligibility for those serving sentences in provincial correctional facilities, which are sentences less than two years. By introducing this legislation, the government is fulfilling a commitment to Albertans to better hold criminals responsible to protect public safety. Creating an Alberta Parole Board is one way to keep our communities safer and make sure that our justice system works for Albertans.

Our government is standing up for Alberta's law-abiding gun owners with new initiatives that listen to law-abiding firearms owners, while further cracking down on criminals who willfully put Albertans' lives at risk. This week, our government established the Alberta Firearms Advisory Committee to listen to Albertans' ideas on how our province can better

respect the many people in our province who responsibly own firearms. To further improve firearms governance in Alberta and crack down on their illegal use, the government is also establishing a provincial firearms examination unit to speed up testing of guns that have been seized as evidence in criminal investigations. The recent federal firearms ban has made it clear that we need more Alberta, and less Ottawa, in our justice system. If Ottawa won't stand up for responsible Albertans, our province will.



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Given the man had considerable cover behind his vehicle, officers were challenged to aim through available access points including windows, over the top of the vehicle and underneath the undercarriage of the vehicle. A ceasefire was called once the officers believed that the man had been incapacitated. At 6:28 p.m., an officer travelling in the westbound lanes came upon the scene and confirmed that the man appeared to be down. Based on the available evidence, the man had fired 10 rounds, while a total of 202 police rounds are believed to have been fired between the eleven subject officers.

The injured officer suffered what would turn out, miraculously, to be only a grazing wound across the top of his head, leaving his skull intact, with shrapnel in his scalp and a concussion. He received stitches and remained in hospital for a number of days as a precautionary measure. A second officer on scene suffered several lacerations or abrasions on his arm and the back of the neck, believed to be from shrapnel from nearby bullet strikes.

The relatively minor nature of the officers' injuries was a reflection of good fortune rather than a lack of intent on the part of the man. There can be no doubt that he had been firing on police with the intent to kill or seriously injure as many officers as possible.

The blue Ford Explorer suffered extensive damage: every window was shot out and the body of the vehicle had taken numerous bullet strikes. Three police vehicles also sustained damage from bullet strikes.

An autopsy determined that the man died of multiple gunshot wounds. One of the most serious gunshot wounds severed the cervical spinal cord, and lacerated both the left common carotid artery and left internal jugular. A toxicology report determined that the

man had neither drugs nor alcohol in his system at the time of his death.

The man had no prior criminal record. The CSA VZ.58 semi-automatic rifle, which was the weapon believed to have been used in the murder of Ms. El-Dib, was recovered on scene and found to have an empty magazine but one remaining live round in the chamber. The gun and its ammunition had the capacity to penetrate police soft body armour. A receipt recovered from the man's wallet demonstrated that his gun had been purchased on May 10, 2018, along with a membership to a Calgary gun club.

Under the Criminal Code, police officers are granted certain powers and authorities to facilitate the performance of what can be a challenging job. Under S. 25 of the Criminal Code, a police officer is authorized to use as much force as is reasonably necessary in administration or enforcement of

the law. This can, in limited circumstances, include force that is intended or likely to cause grievous bodily harm or death. Resort to lethal force is only authorized in circumstances where an officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that it is necessary for the self-preservation of the person or the preservation of any one under that person's protection from death or grievous bodily harm.

Further, under S. 34 of the Criminal Code, any person, including a police officer, is entitled to the use of reasonable force in defence of themselves

or another person.

In order for a police officer's use of force not only to be authorized but protected, the officer must be acting in the lawful execution of his or her duties, a principle often referred to as "lawful placement." In this particular case, there is no question that all involved officers were acting in the lawful execution of their duties.

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MESSAGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

While the House will be rising for the summer, my colleagues and I will continue to fight for Canadians and ensure they have the freedom and support that they need to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since this crisis began, I have had many constituents reach out to me, saying that they were falling through the cracks in the programs announced by the government. While others, such as seniors and farmers, felt like they were being ignored altogether.

My colleagues and I brought these concerns to the attention of the government. We were able to pressure them into providing support for seniors and amend the eligibility requirements for the CEBA so that more farmers would be

able to access it. These are important steps in the right direction, but there is still much more that needs to be done.

As part of my role on the Agriculture Committee, I heard from witnesses pointing out that much of the "support" the government announced for farmers was reallocating funds that were already available through

the AgriInvest, and the money provided for the set aside program barely covered the costs for a few weeks. The business risk management programs for farmers were insufficient before the pandemic. They are not sufficient to support farmers now. The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food will continue to meet through the summer,

and we will look for ways in which we can amend these programs to deliver better results for Canadians.

As the restrictions on public gatherings start to be relaxed, I will be attending events in the riding, schedule permitting. Please reach out to my constituency office at Gerald.Soroka.c1@parl.gc.ca or (780) 723-6068 to inform me of any events.







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All were involved in the attempted apprehension of the man, for whom a warrant had been issued in the public interest for the offence of first-degree murder. They were lawfully entitled to arrest him. Factoring in the homicide, the man's stated intentions to evade apprehension and his behaviour during the attempted traffic stop, it is no understatement to suggest that he presented a high risk to public safety. It is also beyond dispute

that the man understood that he was dealing with members of law enforcement.

It would be fair to describe this event as harrowing. It is a shocking example of the risks police can face at any time. While the man was extremely young and had no criminal record, factors that might suggest an easier or less risky apprehension, the calculated positioning of his vehicle permitted him to fire on police from a position of cover which prolonged the incident. His choice to open fire on officers

was deliberate and immediate, and there can be no question that he presented a lethal risk. He was shooting to kill, not just to provoke a police response.

In the circumstances, viewing the incident as a whole, the eleven officers' resort to the use of lethal force, made only upon the man's firing first upon police, was reasonable and justified. The risk presented by these actions was both serious and immediate. These actions, both objectively and subjectively, risked grievous bodily harm or death to the

officers who were present, and accordingly, the decision by subject officers to fire their service weapons was both lawful and justified. When considering the number of shots fired by police, one must be mindful of the chaos created by both police and the man firing weapons at the same time, the difficulty police had in determining whether the man had been injured or incapacitated, and the precious seconds it took for officers to recognize that the threat presented by the man had been addressed.

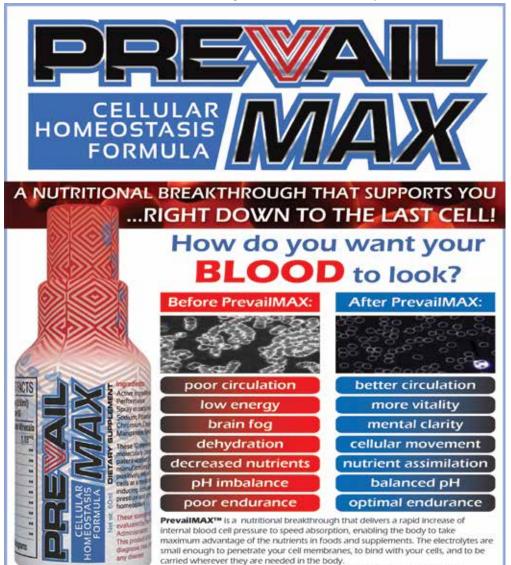
Having reviewed the investigation in its entirety, there are no reasonable grounds, nor reasonable suspicion, to believe any of the involved officers committed any offences. As such, the officers will not be charged with any offences arising out of this incident.

It is a tragedy when a life is lost. While the loss of life is never the desired outcome, the man placed the officers in a situation where lethal force was necessary. Indeed, it is difficult to conceive of a situation that would be a better example of the necessity for the use of lethal force. The man was an active shooter, using lethal force and was deliberately trying to kill others. He needed to be stopped before he succeeded. A dangerous person who presented considerable risk to everyone, civilians and officers alike, was contained and stopped before he could do more harm. This is an example of officers placing themselves in harm's way to protect others and, indeed, nearly paying the highest price.

At the end of the day, no members of the public were caught up in this incident or harmed. The police officers who voluntarily put themselves in harm's way that day were able to return to their families. Responsibility for the death of the affected person falls solely on him, even though officers were the mechanism he used to achieve that result.

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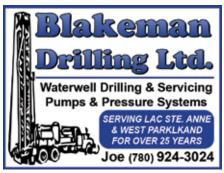
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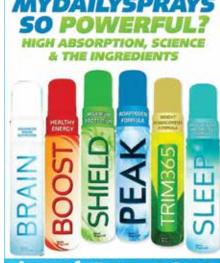
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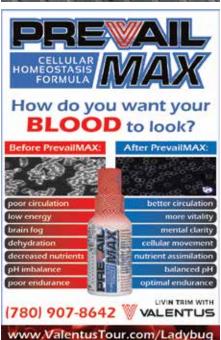




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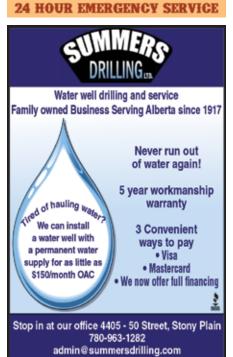
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