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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 5:11 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Great news...and a Question

Seems I had more success than Ian and I thought. Still a story though.

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Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
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Importance: High

Hi Rob,

Thanks so much for doing the interview, which has the reporter convinced that what was to be an A1 story is now an "inside the newspaper" story. He has to convince his editors it should not be front page.

Further to that, our background information said CFO had 6 employees: Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Deputy Director, Program Manager, Executive Assistant and Program Assistant, and is overseen by an Assistant Deputy Minister.

Rob says you mentioned 8 and he doesn't know which number to go with.

If 8 is correct, what are the two other positions?

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I will be in the office until late today, so when your free give me a ring

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
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To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE:

In 10?

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 3:35 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
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are you available for a brief call

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
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To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE:

s.15 – thanks for this. Very interesting and gives me good insight into where my vulnerabilities are. If time permits I wonder if your group could take one further step and that is to see if they can actually s.15

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Rob

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Subject:

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We should be ready to go on the offensive - these 'unnamed, secret' staff recovered tens of millions, and help make a significant dent in all kinds of criminal activity and serve the people of bc doing work that needs to be meticulous and precise and they do it very well. Protecting their personal information is legit and not the story...if someone disagrees, take it to the commissioner. Jeesh. Ok, that felt good...

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Definitely agreed – and we appreciate the context so we can steer the reporter away from that if he gives us indication that's where he's going. I think we all agree this should hopefully be a one day story.

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Hi – not saying you shouldn't inform yourselves, just don't drawn into comparisons that don't apply.

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Agreed it was good – we're just asking because there's a chance that the reporter comes back to us.

And Rob, the connection to criminal forfeiture is one that could be made since it was just recently brought in so it's good for us to have an idea on the consistent policy that covers both your office and the prosecutors that handle the appeals/special prosecutions.

Thanks folks.

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Subject: RE: TC Follow-up

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FYI – the TC has contacted Manitoba and Ontario. Manitoba has the same policy as we do. Ontario, as you, lists their members in the govt directory.

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To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
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Subject: Re: CFA: Bond: Justice system needs overhaul more than money

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Subject: Re: FOI

Sorry I read the note as in other CF in BC...regardless what they find out its more relevant that we have the responsibility to weigh the risk. We have the note from yesterday that didn't get into the report re; examining the process going forward if we need it.

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Re process; We have to balance interests and did. If FOI requester disagrees with severences they can go to FOI Commissioner, as a next step

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There is a process for people who feel information is being withheld unreasonably right? Can we get that pinned down from FOI? I believe its a complaint to the commissioner. This is such a non-story!

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Other ? not sure what they would be?

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Thanks John-appreciate your response.

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Thanks s.15

I spoke briefly with Rob about this yesterday; our office has addressed similar issues in the past, through assessment, and should be able apply some of the same principles and findings to this situation.

We will consult as a group early next week in preparation for a 'possible' meeting.

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Thanks for this Rob.

s.15 this recent event, and the various government department's (lack of) response to it, will impact your pending security review.

Put simply, this is the single most important issue to the people working at CFO and your (and s.15 expertise is required and appreciated.

As Rob mentioned, if this thing grows legs, I'll be setting a priority meeting with the ADM, FOI and GCP and will need your attendance and input.

As always, we appreciate your and John's great support.

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On 2012-10-26, at 7:34, "Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX" <Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Guys

See the article below. This was initiated by an FOI request from a unknown individual (not a political party member or reporter) for details on individuals working at the CFO including things like academic backgrounds. We requested the info not be released and the FOI office agreed.

A follow-up request was made by this reporter. I agreed to speak with him since we knew who he was and what the purpose of the request was. And we recognize some public exposure is required, although we have always tried to minimize it.

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As I mentioned in my calls to you yesterday, the ADM now wants a meeting to sort out how we can adjust our security to make sure the interests of our communications and FOI "stakeholders" are addressed. I will likely be gone by time that meeting occurs, and s.15 will be on lead. s.15 will be inviting you to that meeting and it would be appreciated if you could attend as

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I'd also be interested in any thoughts you might have initially on the impact of the article below. I have some minor concern it may peak interest in our security now and lead to further probing.

Rob

B.C. refuses to uncloak secret office

Worries of criminal threats trump calls to reveal employees' names

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist October 26, 2012 6:29 AM

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As an FYI this is what I had provided to cpe as final:

"I want to thank the Times Colonist for bringing this matter to our attention. Generally speaking, the severing of responsive documents is expected to be done in accordance with the appropriate FOI guidelines, which are factual and straightforward. This work is done by professional public servants who, in this case, made a recommendation to

err on the side of caution for the security of the employees who work in the Civil Forfeiture Office.

We are committed to openness and transparency - but that said, we must mitigate any risk that disclosure of sensitive information may present to employees. Your inquiry has prompted us to weigh and revisit the extent of disclosure of this type of information, in relation to the CFO, going forward"

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Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Times Colonist Article on CFO Security

s.13 Neither the Province nor the Feds have ever released a list of names of team members assigned to OC. Neither have the police.

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Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 07:34 AM
To: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Times Colonist Article on CFO Security

Hi Guys

See the article below. This was initiated by an FOI request from a unknown individual (not a political party member or reporter) for details on individuals working at the CFO including things like academic backgrounds. We requested the info not be released and the FOI office agreed.

A follow-up request was made by this reporter. I agreed to speak with him since we knew who he was and what the purpose of the request was. And we recognize some public exposure is required, although we have always tried to minimize it.

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As I mentioned in my calls to you yesterday, the ADM now wants a meeting to sort out how we can adjust our security to make sure the interests of our communications and FOI "stakeholders" are addressed. I will likely be gone by time that meeting occurs, and s.15 will be on lead. s.15 will be inviting you to that meeting and it would be appreciated if you could attend as

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I'd also be interested in any thoughts you might have initially on the impact of the article below. I have some minor concern it may peak interest in our security now and lead to further probing.

Rob

B.C. refuses to uncloak secret office

Worries of criminal threats trump calls to reveal employees' names

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist October 26, 2012 6:29 AM

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Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 7:38 AM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Times Colonist Article

Thanks for having our back. It's clear not everyone shares your concerns.

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Civil Forfeiture Office
BC Ministry of Justice

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On 2012-10-26, at 7:19, "Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX" <Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Fyi

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:51 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Great news...and a Question

Cheers! Rob said you were a great interview btw.

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Great news...and a Question

Directly in our offices -8: the positions listed, but there are actually 2 program managers plus a legal assistant.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: Great news...and a Question
Importance: High

Hi Rob,

Thanks so much for doing the interview, which has the reporter convinced that what was to be an A1 story is now an "inside the newspaper" story. He has to convince his editors it should not be front page.

Further to that, our background information said CFO had 6 employees: Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Deputy Director, Program Manager, Executive Assistant and Program Assistant, and is overseen by an Assistant Deputy Minister.

Rob says you mentioned 8 and he doesn't know which number to go with.

If 8 is correct, what are the two other positions?

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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Fv: media requests - JAG - Thurs. Oct. 25

Two questions:

- Do you know what Lynda said?
- Not Responsive

COMPLETED

Rob Shaw – Times Colonist

Issue: FOI Request. CFO staffing request – why was info severed.

Status: CFO provided interview, **statement from ADM** and background provided.

Not Responsive

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:42 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Chalke, Jay JAG:EX; Deitch, James JAG:EX; Donald, Janet JAG:EX; Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Grof, John JAG:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Turner, Caeli GCPE:EX; Heiman, Carolyn GCPE:EX; Jardine, Kevin JAG:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX; MacKenzie, Neil JAG:EX; Murry, Karen GCPE:EX; Pearson, Nancy JAG:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX; Smart, Heather D GCPE:EX; Denlinger, Becky JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Murry, Karen GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori JAG:EX; Leibel, Norm JAG:EX; Lapointe, Lisa JAG:EX; Roberts, Steven JAG:EX; Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX; Martin, Stephen C JAG:EX; Mayhew, Marnie JAG:EX; DeLuca, Lori GCPE:EX; Spilak, Ashlev GCPE:EX; Dobreci, Rozi JAG:EX; Barrett, Lisa GCPE:EX; McLarty, Jennifer GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX; Owens, Rob JAG:EX; Ayers, Karen J MEM:EX; McKenzie, Christine M JAG:EX; Ritchie, Dave JAG:EX; DeWitt-Van Oosten, Joyce M JAG:EX; Melvin, Stephanie JAG:EX; Rose, Cindy JAG:EX; Robinson, Patricia C GCPE:EX; Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Ramezani, Sandra GCPE:EX; Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX; Lee, Mike JAG:EX; Dhanowa, Damon JAG:EX; Dickson, David GCPE:EX; Beresford, James GCPE:EX
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To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Subject: RE: How did it go?

Thanks, I'm sure you did a good job. Interesting that he would take such an interest, but as he's the same reporter who was concerned about over-redacting that request from last week, he seems to be on a mission.

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: How did it go?

Fine but he is writing from an agenda. Ian from GCPE sat in and agrees. Likely to be a negative story.

He asked things like - well I can get the name of every judge and the court they are going to sit in daily.

Response – Correct. Judges come and leave courthouses through secure areas. They have armed guards sit in the courtroom with them. We have none of those protections.

He asked about transparency around publication of compensation and expenses. I pointed out we were all subject to the same guidelines and anyone over the threshold has their compensation levels published, we are just not identified specifically as civil forfeiture employees. I also pointed out our budget is fully disclosed. He can see every penny we bring in and where it goes.

It was clear from his responses he didn't want to hear any of this and is likely to take "govt is secretive" angle. I don't think there is anything we could do or say that would have convinced him to provide balance.

Rob

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Subject: How did it go?

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Cell: s.17

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 3:51 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

Thanks for this Rob-completely agree. If this issue grows legs I intend to call Lynda and re-emphasize staff concerns for their safety. I'll also arrange a meeting for her with the so-called "stakeholders" including s.15 and possibly members from CFSEU/gang intell. I also intend to determine what precautions are being done for Crown.

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Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

Hi Lynda

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When we moved into this office in 2011 our threat assessment was updated. We have been in discussions with s.15 and Sheriff's to s.15

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To make sure we were not being overly protective in this particular instance, I discussed this situation with s.15 this morning. He concurs with the action taken and our position on the FOI response.

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I hope this helps provide a bit more context to the issue.

Rob

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 1:13 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX, s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: FW: FOI / Media Request

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Thanks Rob, in no way am I proposing anything that would put anyone at CFO at higher risk. I agree that we would include security experts, and all staff at CFO in our discussion, absolutely.

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 3:17 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Subject: 4pm Interview with Rob Shaw

Hi Rob,

Would you mind if Ian joined you for the interview with Rob Shaw at 4pm? We want to ensure that he sticks to his intended line of questioning.

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 12:06 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

Tasha is sending to me, thanks.

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 12:05 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

What's the context?

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
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Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Hudson, Vicki LCTZ:EX; s.15 JAG:EX s.15 JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 11:35 AM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Question

Yes s.15

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From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 11:29 AM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Question

Are you available for a call?

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:46 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Thanks all-agree with your response and appreciate your support.

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Civil Forfeiture Office
BC Ministry of Justice

Sent from iPhone

On 2012-11-15, at 8:31, "Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX" <Lynda.Cavanaugh@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes

----- Original Message -----

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 08:19 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Thanks Lynda - Thinking we should leave out the last sentence s.13
s.13 and just end it after "related to a case."

Is that okay with you?

----- Original Message -----

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 08:08 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hi Tasha. Here is the statement. Security measures and processes related to staff safety, including publicly disclosing identities, are reviewed periodically and this has been the case since CFO was established in 2006. On occasion, security advice will be requested and provided as a precaution directly related to a case. s.13

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:24 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hi Lynda,

When Rob Kroeker did the interview with Rob Shaw, Kroeker explained that we sought advice on this. Rob Shaw is asking when did we seek that advice. Do you know what year that occurred? Would it have been in 2006 when the CFO was created? That's essentially what Rob is seeking. If it's not something that can be easily answered I can advise Rob to file an FOI.

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Review of security measures is ongoing, and periodic. I have a meeting scheduled with s.15 at 1:30 though and will check with him to be sure.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hey Lynda,

Rob is asking when the ministry sought security advice on whether to make public the names of Civil Forfeiture Office employees? He wanted to know if it was before 2006 or after? He is trying to get a sense of what year it was and wants to know if he would have to file an FOI request to find out.

Can you advise?

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 4:40 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Requests - JAG - Tues. Nov. 6

Great-tks Tasha.

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 4:39 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Requests - JAG - Tues. Nov. 6

Hi – “Provided background” is when the information isn’t attributable to any one person, but rather a “ministry statement”. I knew you didn’t want your name out there so we provided this, signed off by Lynda:

Until the position of director has been permanently filled in the Civil Forfeiture Office, we are unable to provide the name of the acting director for security reasons.

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 4:33 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Media Requests - JAG - Tues. Nov. 6

Thanks Tasha

Lynda called me earlier and advised that the CFO personnel information would continue to be kept confidential. I assume this is what you mean by “Provided Background”.

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Rob Shaw – Times Colonist

Issue: Civil Forfeiture Office. Seeking name of new acting director.

Status: Provided background.

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:43 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Yes fine...but I think there's something else going on that needs to be shared.

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From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:42 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

OK, do we need to talk before then? Are we completely OK with the info below?

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:40 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Hi Lynda

Your concern is shared by me. As I mentioned, I have information I need to share at our meeting that is pertinent.

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:33 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Curious as to how the reporter came across the info that Rob was leaving. Regardless, this is fine with me too, the only change I would suggest:

After more than six years as the founding director of B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Office, Rob Kroeker has another opportunity. The office's deputy director has assumed the role of acting director.

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:16 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
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Sure, works for me.

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Tasha-is it possible to simply state:

After more than six years as the founding director of B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Office, Rob Kroeker has recently left to pursue another opportunity. The office's deputy director has assumed the role of acting director.

FYI: technically

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 11:57 AM
To: s.15 JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

I think the reporter is trying to find out if Rob left because of the FOI, so if we can state that he left for other opportunities it would be good.
How's this?

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Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 11:55 AM
To: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Hi Ian-

It's my understanding that the particulars for the departure of an employee (why, where etc etc) is personal information covered by privacy. As such, it's only appropriate to state Rob has left.

With regards to Rob's official replacement as Director, this has not as yet been determined however it's fair to say that in the interim the Deputy Director is assuming the Director's duties.

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Thanks,

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To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Per request below, would this work as a statement? Or s.15 , would it be acceptable to you for your name to be disclosed in the second sentence?

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Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 11:35 AM
To: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - Rob Kroeker Leaving

Hi Ian,

Rob Shaw would like one line explaining why Rob Kroeker left the office and who will be replacing him. Can you write something up and run it by Linda and s.15?

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Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 8:22 AM
To: s.15
Subject: Re: Heads up

Thanks for your feedback s.15 appreciate your support.

s.15
Civil Forfeiture Office
BC Ministry of Justice

Sent from iPhone

On 2012-10-31, at 8:00, s.15 wrote:

Hi s.15

We've been contacted too. Because we're set up differently than the rest-- asset mgmt in one branch, legal services in another, and I'm in yet another branch, it took some time to coordinate, but our overall position on this issue is the same as that taken by you and BC.

Cheers,

s.15
Director
Civil Forfeiture Office
Alberta Justice

On Oct 26, 2012, at 3:43 PM, s.15 wrote:

They have contacted us as well and for security reasons we will not be providing anything to them.

Have a great weekend guys,

s.15

Executive Director,
Criminal Justice Division
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From: Harrison, Troy (JUS) [<mailto:Troy.Harrison@ontario.ca>]
Sent: October-26-12 3:49 PM
To: s.15 'Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca'; s.15
Cc: s.15
Subject: Re: Heads up

We've been contacted by the reporter.

Troy Harrison, Director, CRIA
T: 416.326.4188; F: 416.314.3714

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From: s.15
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 04:27 PM
To: 'Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca' <Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca>; s.15
Harrison, Troy (JUS)
Cc: s.15
Subject: Re: Heads up

Hi Rob,
Indeed, thanks for the heads up.

Must be a slow news day at the TC in Victoria. Is this a story?-- people who have received death threats take security precautions?

I'm looking forward to an interview. I may have a few things to add...

Cheers,
s.15

From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX [mailto:Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 12:56 PM
To: s.15 : Troy Harrison
(troy.harrison@ontario.ca) <troy.harrison@ontario.ca>
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX s.15
Subject: Heads up

Hi Guys

We are getting criticized for our security arrangements – see below. The reporter has advised he will be contacting your offices to get your security precautions. You will recall our office is s.15
s.15 This is one of the
reasons we stay as low profile as possible. You may get an inquiry today.

B.C. refuses to uncloak secret office

Worries of criminal threats trump calls to reveal employees' names

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist October 26, 2012

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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 5:12 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Great news...and a question

Excellent diffusing Rob.

s.15
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BC Ministry of Justice

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On 2012-10-25, at 17:09, "Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX" <Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

fyi

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: Great news...and a Question
Importance: High

Hi Rob,

Thanks so much for doing the interview, which has the reporter convinced that what was to be an A1 story is now an "inside the newspaper" story. He has to convince his editors it should not be front page.

Further to that, our background information said CFO had 6 employees: Executive Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Deputy Director, Program Manager, Executive Assistant and Program Assistant, and is overseen by an Assistant Deputy Minister.

Rob says you mentioned 8 and he doesn't know which number to go with.

If 8 is correct, what are the two other positions?

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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 5:10 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: FOI / Media Request

God bless guys with common sense. No atheists in fox holes.

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On 2012-10-25, at 17:07, "Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX" <Rob.Kroeker@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Just talked to s.15 He is 100% in agreement with us on this.

Rob Kroeker
Civil Forfeiture Office

On 25 Oct 2012, at 15:51, s.15 JAG:EX" s.15 > wrote:

Thanks for this Rob-completely agree. If this issue grows legs I intend to call Lynda and re-emphasize staff concerns for their safety. I'll also arrange a meeting for her with the so-called "stakeholders" including s.15 and possibly members from CFSEU/gang Intell. I also intend to determine what precautions are being done for Crown.

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Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 3:01 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX s.15 I JAG:EX
Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

Hi Lynda

Security arrangements for our office are a product of extensive consultation with and assessment by RCMP threat assessment experts, s.15 office (AG Corporate Security), and the BC Sheriff's Intelligence and Threat Assessment Unit. In addition s.15 and I have some expertise in this area, as did s.22 both of whom have extensive police experience and helped develop our security measures when they were here. Our practice is to follow the advice the experts have provided to us to minimize the risk of anyone being threatened or hurt. You will recall my early briefing to you on the CFO and my explaining this is why we do not have a web site, except to list

admin forfeiture properties, don't appear in the GEMs directory, do not appear on building directories, limit the public exposure of our personal information as much as possible, and do not do on camera interviews. When we moved into this office in 2011 our threat assessment was updated. We have been in discussions with s.15 and Sheriff's to s.15

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To make sure we were not being overly protective in this particular instance, I discussed this situation with s.15 this morning. He concurs with the action taken and our position on the FOI response.

There has been some suggestion from GCPE that we are like prosecutors and their names are public so ours should be as well. The Crown who deal with the same org crime groups we do is the Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions group in Vancouver. s.15

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Staff safety is an extremely serious issue here. Staff here are very nervous even at the suggestion that FOI or communication considerations might be taken into account in determining protection levels and measures or that there is a need to sell the security measures in place to others. A discussion to help promote understanding amongst GCPE and FOI may be useful, s.13

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I hope this helps provide a bit more context to the issue.

Rob

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 1:13 PM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX s.15 | JAG:EX
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FYI-my position will be consistent with Rob's.

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Subject: RE: FOI / Media Request

Thanks for taking one for the team.

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Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Dickson, David GCPE:EX
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Hi Ian

Just to clarify:

What is the structure of the office?

- The office has an Executive director, deputy director, assistant deputy director, one program manager and two program assistants.

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Importance: High

Thanks s.15 — I've strengthened the answers per your additional info. Please confirm if you're good with them — including my general summary of the office structure.

Deadline @ 4pm

Media: Times Colonist

Reporter: Rob Shaw, 250-382-9006

Topic: CFO FOI Request

Background: Reporter noticed the response letter for a CFO FOI request on the Open Data website and wants some questions answered.

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File: JAG-2012-01673

October 16, 2012

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Re: Request for Access to Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

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 - **information that could be harmful to law enforcement**
 - **disclosure harmful to personal privacy**
- **The Civil Forfeiture Office takes a number of steps to protect its employees and contractors, in consultation with security experts in the ministry. Safeguarding staff names is just one of these steps.**

Why can't we see the name of the director of civil forfeiture?

- Decisions around severing on Freedom of Information Requests are made by professional public servants.
- That said, decisions made by FOI staff who believe a disclosure may be harmful to personal privacy may sometimes differ from disclosure decisions made by ministry and GCPE staff in responding to media requests.
- While Rob Kroeker has been willing to be quoted in the media as director of civil forfeiture, that willingness is different from providing personal information about other CFO employees on an involuntary basis.

Why is a list of employees not public? Taxpayers are paying those salaries.

- The Civil Forfeiture Office does take steps to protect employees who may be at risk given the nature of the case files they handle and the defendants involved in those cases, a large percentage of whom are involved in gangs or organized crime.
- Government is not at liberty to discuss all of those security measures, for obvious reasons – but again, in an FOI context, “disclosure harmful to personal privacy” is among the allowed exceptions for severing information.
- As an aside, it’s worth noting that the CFO is self-funding – taxpayers are not paying the salaries of its employees.

How many employees are there?

- Six people are currently directly employed by the CFO.

What is the structure of the office?

- The office has a director, deputy director, assistant deputy director, two other staff lawyers and an administrative assistant.

Is this the only office within government in which the public cannot even see the name, titles, or number of employees? It essentially runs as a secret branch?

- We would refer you to Freedom of Information staff for any information on this type of information disclosure or severing across government.
- The work of the CFO is very much in the public eye. Information on civil forfeiture actions is available to the public via court services online, and information about administrative forfeiture proceedings, along with general information about the program, is available on the CFO’s website.
- As well, the Civil Forfeiture Office regularly reports out on its work through news releases and in response to regular government reporting requirements. Examples of well-publicized work include news releases on high-profile cases that have concluded, and detailed information on grants awarded from the civil forfeiture special account in support of crime prevention and remediation activities.

Suggested Response: As above

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Hello Ian,

Thanks for this.

I would make a couple of general comments and have made some suggestions to specific questions below.

- 1) I think it is important to really emphasize the significance of the security aspect as that is really what is at the heart of the decision to withhold the information. We take a number of steps to protect our employees and contractors in consultation with security experts from the ministry. This is just one of them.
- 2) He is flat out wrong about tax payers paying our salaries. I realize this is somewhat peripheral but it takes a little steam out of "the public has a right to know" stance he is taking.
- 3) The notion that we run as a "secret branch" is preposterous. Information on any of our civil forfeiture actions is available to the public via court services online. Info about admin forfeiture proceedings along with general info about the program is available on our website. We regularly report out on our business metrics whether as part of a news release or regular government reporting requirements. Most importantly, all of our ongoing files whether admin or civil are subject to the oversight of the BC Supreme Court. This is not some star chamber type of operation.

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s.15 – some questions below in relation to an FOI request. I've put in what I know or believe to be true based on past discussions, but could use your input and review. Thanks.

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Why is a list of employees not public? Taxpayers are paying those salaries.

- **The Civil Forfeiture Office does take steps to protect employees who may be at risk given the nature of the case files they handle and the defendants involved in those cases, a large percentage of whom are involved in gangs or organized crime.**
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How many employees are there?

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Six people are currently directly employed by the CFO. I wouldn't worry about the others since the request didn't touch on them.

What is the structure of the office?

I'm not sure what to say in response to this. How about our office is made of concrete, bricks, some wood here and there and plenty of drywall.

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Is this the only office within government in which the public cannot even see the name, titles, or number of employees? It essentially runs as a secret branch?

- We would refer you to Freedom of Information staff for any information on this type of information disclosure or severing across government.

Suggested Response: As above

Tasha Schollen

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Justice

Phone 250-356-6538

Cell 250-889-1121

Morita, Kelly CITZ:EX

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 1:27 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO FOI Request
Importance: High

Could I get you to manage this-I've just got another request from Lynda.

tk

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Deputy Director | Civil Forfeiture Office
Ministry of Justice | British Columbia

PO Box 9234 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9J1

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From: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 1:23 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Dickson, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO FOI Request
Importance: High

s.15 — some questions below in relation to an FOI request. I've put in what I know or believe to be true based on past discussions, but could use your input and review. Thanks.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 1:00 PM
To: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Dickson, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO FOI Request
Importance: High

Hi Ian,

We need to speak to CFO to get a sense of why we didn't release some of the info. (For example why we didn't specify who the director is when he's been quoted in media before)...Any questions let me know. Thx.

Deadline @ 4pm

Media: Times Colonist
Reporter: Rob Shaw, 250-382-9006
Topic: CFO FOI Request

Background: Reporter noticed the response letter for a CFO FOI request on the Open Data website and wants some questions answered.

http://docs.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/D49915412A_Response_Letter_JAG-2012-01673.PDF

File: JAG-2012-01673

October 16, 2012

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

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Please be advised the records for parts one and two of your request are withheld in their entirety pursuant to sections 15(1)(f) (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA.

In response to part three of your request, included below is a complete list of policies and procedures followed by the Civil Forfeiture Office:

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- 4) CFO Payment Out of Special Account Policy
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- 6) Paralegal Affidavit Policy and Procedures
- 7) Paralegal Service Police and Procedures
- 8) Vehicle Forfeiture Policy

Questions:

Requests the name of the director of civil forfeiture, a list of the employees and its organizational structure within the Civil Forfeiture Office. Government refuses to release anything, under the section of FOI act that would harm law enforcement. I find that very interesting. Can I get some more information?

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Suggested Response: As above

Fisher, Sandra L CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 9:43 AM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For Approval: CFO Statement for the Times Colonist

Good by me.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 9:40 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: For Approval: CFO Statement for the Times Colonist

Hi folks, Minister has asked that the yellow highlighted line be added to the statement that was approved for this reporter last week. Please let me know asap if you have any concerns. Thanks, Tasha.

Deadline @ 3pm

Media: Times Colonist

Reporter: Rob Shaw, 250 386 9006, rshaw@timescolonist.com

Topic: Civil Forfeiture Office Release of Names

Background: Rob has canvassed all other Canadian provinces to see if they too, keep the names of Civil Forfeiture Office employees secret. He would like comment from the AG.

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Suggested Statement from Justice Minister Shirley Bond:

"Civil forfeiture is an activity that involves risk. Employee safety is a paramount concern and that is why a risk assessment is done before we release the names of any individuals. Accordingly, we continually review the safety measures we have in place, with police and government security experts. They have advised that it would involve unnecessary risk to disclose the names of those working in civil forfeiture, and we have acted accordingly.

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Tasha Schollen

Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Justice
Phone 250-356-6538
Cell 250-889-1121

Fisher, Sandra L CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 1:34 PM
To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

Really good. May need to be prepared to answer - "why then did your adm say a bureaucrat was being overly cautious and she decided to release the directors name, who was fine with being interviewed last week?"

From: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 01:24 PM
To: AG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

I agree!

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To: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

Hi Ian

This reads very well from our perspective. I plan to speak with Lynda shortly to ensure we're in agreement on the content.

Great job.

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Ministry of Justice | British Columbia

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From: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 1:21 PM
To: AG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

s.15 below is the revised statement text as discussed, for your discussion with Lynda.

Deadline @ 3pm Mon. Nov. 5

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Fisher, Sandra L CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:32 AM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Yes

----- Original Message -----

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 08:19 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Thanks Lynda - Thinking we should leave out the last sentence

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Is that okay with you?

----- Original Message -----

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 08:08 AM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hi Tasha. Here is the statement. Security measures and processes related to staff safety, including publicly disclosing identities, are reviewed periodically and this has been the case since CFO was established in 2006. On occasion, security advice will be requested and provided as a precaution directly related to a case.

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From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:24 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hi Lynda,

When Rob Kroeker did the interview with Rob Shaw, Kroeker explained that we sought advice on this. Rob Shaw is asking when did we seek that advice. Do you know what year that occurred? Would it have been in 2006 when the CFO was created? That's essentially what Rob is seeking. If it's not something that can be easily answered I can advise Rob to file an FOI.

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Review of security measures is ongoing, and periodic. I have a meeting scheduled with s.15 at 1:30 though and will check with him to be sure.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - TC - Employee Expenses Part 2

Hey Lynda,

Rob is asking when the ministry sought security advice on whether to make public the names of Civil Forfeiture Office employees? He wanted to know if it was before 2006 or after? He is trying to get a sense of what year it was and wants to know if he would have to file an FOI request to find out.

Can you advise?

Tasha Schollen
Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Justice Phone 250-356-6538 Cell 250-889-1121

Fisher, Sandra L CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 12:10 PM
To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

I can weigh in in a bit...at a DV conference,

From: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 12:04 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

Ok – but let’s be careful with how much info we provide about Ontario’s security.

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Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 12:04 PM
To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

I’m not suggesting that – Rob had told us that Ontario has more significant security than we do to protect workers and suggested that is a factor in whether we release names or not.

From: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
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We shouldn’t speak for Ontario in the first answer – and for the second, we should stick to the response that we do security risk assessments based on the unique factors in BC and make our decisions based on those. If other provinces don’t have those same risks or choose to address them differently, we can’t speak to that either.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Lapsley, Amy GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO Name Release

Hi Ian,

Here is a request due on Monday. Think it would be good to find out if the Ontario building has additional security beyond what we have here as Rob had touched upon. Hopefully CFO can make some queries. Otherwise the safety of our staff is our utmost priority....He's seeking an interview or minister statement.

Thx!

Deadline @ 3pm Mon. Nov. 5

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Suggested Response:

Tasha Schollen

Fisher, Sandra L CITZ:EX

From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 3:50 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO

Yes thanks.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 03:44 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request - Times Colonist - CFO

How does this sound in response to Rob's request for the name of the deputy who has assumed the role of acting director of the CFO:

Until the position of director has been permanently filled in the Civil Forfeiture Office we are unable to provide the name of the acting director for security reasons.

Provided to Rob on Monday:

We can confirm that after more than six years as the founding director of B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Office, Rob Kroeker has recently accepted another opportunity. The office's deputy director has assumed the role of acting director.

Tasha Schollen

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Justice

Phone 250-356-6538

Cell 250-889-1121



ARCS: 292-30
File: JAG-2012-01673

October 26, 2012

Dear Applicant:

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Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

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Please be advised that the Ministry has reconsidered its decision in our letter dated October 16, 2012 and additional information is being provided to you.

With regard to part one of your request, the Ministry would like to correct an oversight. We are releasing the name of the Executive Director of the Civil Forfeiture Office, Robert Kroeker. His name was initially withheld as a safety precaution relating to the nature of the work done by the Civil Forfeiture Office; however, as Mr. Kroeker has publicly represented the Office since its implementation, it is now felt this was an overabundance of caution.

Please note that we continue to withhold the professional background of Mr. Kroeker pursuant to section 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy). For your convenience I have included a link to the announcement of the appointment of Robert Kroeker as Executive Director of the Civil Forfeiture Office (http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2006PSSG0017-000464.htm).

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Records for part two of your request continue to be withheld in their entirety pursuant to sections 15(1)(f) (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) of FOIPPA.

Our response to part three of your request remains unchanged. As before I have included a complete list of policies and procedures followed by the Civil Forfeiture Office:

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A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Your file is now closed.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact April Haussmann, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-1919. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-1919.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Alan Hughes for,
Vicki Hudson, Manager
Justice / Social Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

Not Responsive

From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 12:43 PM
To: DeWitt-Van Oosten, Joyce M JAG:EX; Manton, Jenny D JAG:EX
Subject: Fw: Times Colonist Article on CFO Security

The below email is going to be released under a foi request

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Special Advisor
Office of the A-Deputy Attorney General

Criminal Justice and Legal Services
Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 08:45 AM
To: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Times Colonist Article on CFO Security

team members assigned to OC. Neither have the police.

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From: Kroeker, Robert G JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 07:34 AM
To: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Cc: s.15 JAG:EX; s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: Times Colonist Article on CFO Security

Hi Guys

See the article below. This was initiated by an FOI request from a unknown individual (not a political party member or reporter) for details on individuals working at the CFO including things like academic backgrounds. We requested the info not be released and the FOI office agreed.

A follow-up request was made by this reporter. I agreed to speak with him since we knew who he was and what the purpose of the request was. And we recognize some public exposure is required, although we have always tried to minimize it.

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As I mentioned in my calls to you yesterday, the ADM now wants a meeting to sort out how we can adjust our security to make sure the interests of our communications and FOI "stakeholders" are addressed. I will likely be gone by time that meeting occurs, and s.15 will be on lead. s.15 will be inviting you to that meeting and it would be appreciated if you could attend as

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I'd also be interested in any thoughts you might have initially on the impact of the article below. I have some minor concern it may peak interest in our security now and lead to further probing.

Rob

B.C. refuses to uncloak secret office

Worries of criminal threats trump calls to reveal employees' names

By Rob Shaw, Times Colonist October 26, 2012 6:29 AM

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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 6:56 PM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: RE: CFO TRA: s.15 posted personal information on address

Hi s.15

I am meeting with the ADM next week to provide an education session. I will keep u posted as we move forward

s.15
Special Advisor
Office of the A-Deputy Attorney General
Criminal Justice/Legal Services
Ministry of Justice
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From: s.15 JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2012 11:18 AM
To: s.15 JAG:EX
Subject: CFO TRA: s.15 posted personal information on address


Here is the information I'd like to make disappear from Google if possible.

1. _____ s.15 (I've provided the contact information below for the Information and Privacy Team).
2. **Canada 411:** They must suck this information out from Telus. Let me know if I can contact Telus or 411 to get this cancelled.

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How to File a Formal Request

If you know a formal request is required, an access to information form should be filled out. The request should provide as much detail to assist staff in locating and retrieving the records. To find out if a formal request is required, contact the office directly at (250) 475-1775. We also have the form  available as a PDF file.

Mailing Address:

Information and Privacy Team
The Office of the Municipal Clerk
Corporation of the District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria BC V8X 2W7

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Deputy Director | Civil Forfeiture Office
Ministry of Justice | British Columbia

PO Box 9234 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9J1
T 250.387.5488

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