

**From:** [Sims, Brian A PSSG:EX](#)  
**To:** [McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX](#); [Watson, Jason GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [SG Civil Forfeiture Office SG:EX](#); [Millwater, Caitlin PSSG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CNN Inquiry: Civil forfeiture suit  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:23:47 AM

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Good morning – inquiry from CNN below

Thanks

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**Cc:** [Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX](#); [Watson, Jason GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PSSG Media Request: PACNET- Deadline ASAP  
**Date:** Monday, February 19, 2018 3:12:57 PM

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Hi Caroline,

Program approved responses highlighted below for your approval.

Thanks,

Michelle

**Reporter**

Margot Grant, Reporter

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**Subject:** Fwd: PacNet lawsuit  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:55:51 PM  
**Attachments:** DFB79D3E-523D-4890-84E1-3A8B6104E089f51.png

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Another inquiry below

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Howard A. Mickelson" <[ham@LAWGM.COM](mailto:ham@LAWGM.COM)>  
**Date:** February 15, 2018 at 4:52:27 PM PST  
**To:** "Sims, Brian A PSSG:EX" <[Brian.Sims@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Sims@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Allan Doolittle <[ald@LAWGM.COM](mailto:ald@LAWGM.COM)>  
**Subject:** FW: PacNet lawsuit

Brian can you pass this onto your media folks. Thanks. I won't respond.

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From: Fraser, Keith [<mailto:KFraser@postmedia.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:49 PM  
To: Howard A. Mickelson <[ham@LAWGM.COM](mailto:ham@LAWGM.COM)>  
Subject: PacNet lawsuit

Importance: Low

Mr. Mickelson,

I am doing a story about the civil forfeiture lawsuit filed against the individuals connected to PacNet Services Ltd.

I believe you are representing the director in this case.

I notice there was an application for the bank funds to be frozen (interim preservation order) and was wondering if you could tell me whether the court granted the order that was being sought.

Also, I am attempting to contact the defendants and wonder if they have a lawyer at this stage. If you could provide me with the name of the lawyer, that would be helpful.

Thanks,

KEITH FRASER

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### **Reporter**

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### **Background**

### **Recommendation**

**From:** [Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX](#)  
**To:** ["Melanie.Hicken@turner.com"](mailto:Melanie.Hicken@turner.com)  
**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry: Civil forfeiture suit  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:04:10 PM  
**Attachments:** Order Made After Application filed February 14, 2018 (endorsed) (0020640....pdf  
Notice of Civil Claim Filed Feb 14 2018 (S182680) (00206168xCEA79).pdf

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Hi Melanie,

Civil Forfeiture Office passed your request my way. I've attached the documents to this email for you.

Have a great weekend.

Colin

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**Subject:** RE: CNN Inquiry: Civil forfeiture suit  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:29:21 AM

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Great, thanks

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**From:** Watson, Jason GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Sims, Brian A PSSG:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** SG Civil Forfeiture Office SG:EX; Millwater, Caitlin PSSG:EX; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX  
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Hi Brian,

We will send the court documents that you shared with us yesterday over to CNN.

Thanks,

Jason

Jason Watson

Communications Manager

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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**To:** [Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX](#); [Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX](#); [Watson, Jason GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: PacNet CFO case  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:01:36 PM

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Okay, sounds good Colin, thanks!

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**From:** Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX; Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX  
**Cc:** McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Media Request: PacNet CFO case

Hello,

Would like to send these two court documents to reporter. With backlog at Court Services, it can be difficult for reporters to obtain the court records. These were provided to us by the CFO.

I've also included background that CFO passed over to us on this case for your info only. If reporter asks me more questions I will respond with no comment as it's before the courts.

Let me know,

Colin

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Everything happened on Feb 14 – we filed the NOCC, appeared in court on IPO application which was granted, then filed the judge's order later that day.

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**From:** Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX  
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**From:** [Roberts, Michelle J GCPE:EX](#)  
**To:** ["coastclarion1@gmail.com"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: RE: PACNET  
**Date:** Monday, February 19, 2018 3:45:32 PM

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Hi Margot,

Please find some information regarding your questions on PacNet below, on background.

Hope this helps,

Michelle

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Hi Vito,

The attached were both filed Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Further comment is unavailable due to these matters being before the courts.

Thanks,

Colin

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**To:** [Roberts, Michelle J GCPE:EX](#); [Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX](#); [Watson, Jason GCPE:EX](#)  
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Good to go.

Thanks,  
Nimmi

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**To:** Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX; Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX  
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