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Re: CGL Update: RCMP vehicles targeted in Smithers

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Sent: October 26, 2022 10:07:24 AM PDT
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Cc: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>; Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: CGL Update: RCMP vehicles targeted in Smithers

Hi- we have been speaking with rcmp since this morning. This is still under investigation and no cause has been confirmed. The info below from the private sector is also NOT accurate.

We need to wait on rcmp statement before commenting.

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Subject: FW: CGL Update: RCMP vehicles targeted in Smithers

Danielle/Hope – note below RCMP vehicle lit on fire at CGL. Including Glen and Wayne. Hope can you please check with our RCMP friends. Danielle – can you please produce a few KMs. Ie. This is not acceptable. These dangerous actions put RCMP and the public at risk. Police are investigating. Ect.

From: Kiel Giddens <kiel_giddens@tcenergy.com>
Sent: October 26, 2022 9:19 AM
To: Manahan, Suzanne EMLI:EX <Suzanne.Manahan@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: CGL Update: RCMP vehicles targeted in Smithers
Importance: High

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Good morning Suzanne, as discussed on the phone, CGL is aware of a serious incident that occurred last night/early this morning in Smithers.

- 6 RCMP CIRG vehicles were torched outside of the Sunshine Inn. These have CIRG markings and were clearly vehicles that are there as part of CGL's injunction, and project/workforce/community safety.
- CGL is not aware of any injuries at this time, nor are we aware of any video footage.

- There were BC Parks, Ambulance, BC Hydro and other private vehicles that were also severely damaged due to being in the vicinity.
- The scene appears to be locked down with an investigation underway.

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I will keep you apprised of urgent updates today.

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arson incident at Smithers

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Sent: October 26, 2022 11:31:41 AM PDT
Hi Wayne –

Do you know if PSSG is considering releasing a statement condemning this violence? I'm asking because MMR is wondering (and there is interest from MNC as well). Happy to have a call if you'd like to discuss. Cc'ing Katherine here.

Tom

Re: MMF holding lines - Smithers

From: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: October 26, 2022 12:34:27 PM PDT
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Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:33:14 PM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>; Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MMF holding lines - Smithers

Hi – as per David’s text to Glen, here are the holding lines for your review:

- Government condemns the vandalism and destruction of vehicles that appear to have been targeted in Smithers.
- I expect that RCMP is conducting a full investigation into this serious criminal activity that could have led to serious injury.
- There is no excuse for such violence and intimidation.

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FW: Fire destroys several vehicles including police cars at Smithers hotel

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Sent: October 26, 2022 1:24:55 PM PDT
Attachments: Photo of fire_2.jpg, Photo of fire_3.jpg, Photo of fire_1.jpg

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Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:18 PM
To: bccrcmp_mro <bccrcmp_mro@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Fire destroys several vehicles including police cars at Smithers hotel

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Fire destroys several vehicles including police cars at Smithers hotel

An early morning fire in a hotel parking lot in Smithers caused significant damage to multiple vehicles including several police vehicles.

Just before 4:30 am on October 26, 2022, Smithers RCMP received a request to assist the Smithers Fire Department at the Sunshine Inn located in the 3800 block of 4 Avenue in Smithers, for a report of multiple vehicles on fire in the parking lot.

Frontline officers attended and were able to assist in getting the fire under control.

The fire did not cause any damage to the hotel, however 8 vehicles, including 4 RCMP and one BC Ambulance were damaged or completely destroyed in the blaze.

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Police are sharing photos in hopes of furthering the investigation.

Police are continuing to review the physical and digital evidence already gathered from the incident, including CCTV footage from the surrounding area businesses.

Police are particularly interested in obtaining any dash cam video from individuals traveling between Houston and Smithers and New Hazelton and Smithers between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am on October 26, 2022.

If you have any information, dash cam footage, or were in the area of the Sunshine Inn, contact the Smithers RCMP at (250) 847-3233.

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RCMP Media Release - Emergency Vehicle Arson, Smithers, BC 2022-10-26

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Sent: October 26, 2022 2:51:24 PM PDT
Here is the RCMP media release on this matter for your situational awareness.

As update and regards

Norm

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For your awareness

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PSSG Media Wrap: Wednesday October 26, 2022

From: Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
To: GCPE PSSG Media Wrap <8.15>
Sent: October 26, 2022 4:30:02 PM PDT
Underway:

Matt Lamers, Reporter, Marijuana Business Daily

Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2022 12:00 PM

Request:

Hello, can you please tell me the number of privately-owned provincially-approved cannabis stores in operation on First Nations reserves in BC?

Can you please tell me the number of applications in progress for privately-owned stores on reserve?

Lastly, what is BC doing to facilitate access to safe, legal recreational cannabis on reserves in the province?

The BCLDB asked me to ask you (Public Safety and Solicitor General) after I had reached out to them regarding these questions.

Any data you can share by the end of this week would be helpful.

Status: With Program

Completed:

Becca Clarkson, Freelancer, Freelancer

Request:

I'd like examples of recent complaints about advertisements for alcohol, and an idea of how many complaints you receive monthly or annually?

Response: Provided Background

- To date for 2022, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) has received 3 complaints related to licensee alcohol advertising and branding that does not appear to comply with the regulatory requirements.
- Likewise, the LCRB received 10 complaints related to alcohol advertising and branding in 2021.
- Some examples include advertising of unlimited drinks, or drink prices below the minimum retail price.

Betsy Trumpener, Reporter, CBC - Prince George

Spencer Harwood, Assignment Editor, CTV - Vancouver

Request:

CBC:

There has been a parking lot arson outside the Sunshine Inn in Smithers.

People at the scene say RCMP cruisers, BC Hydro truck, and ambulance and two BC Parks trucks and other government vehicles may be among those burned.

Can you comment?

CTV:

I was checking some pictures out online of the police incident up in Smithers and noticed a few of the vehicles had the BC Gov logo and "Park Ranger" on the back. Are you able to confirm if any of your vehicles were destroyed last night, and if so how many?

Response:

- Referred reporters to RCMP

Randi Adams, Camera person, Global News - Kelowna

Deadline:

Request:

My name is Randi and I am a reporter with Global Okanagan. We are currently working on a story about 'Hooligans', a local restaurant who was denied a food primary license in Kelowna.

I am just looking for information as to why this could happen and in general what do people need to do in order to obtain a liquor license here in BC. And why something like this could happen. I know you likely can't speak about this specific case but just wanted to generalize it.

My deadline is 2 pm today.

Response: Provided Background

- As this matter is before the courts, we are unable to comment.
- See link below for details on how to apply for a Food Primary liquor licence in B.C., including provisions related to licence eligibility that applicants must satisfy:
 - [Apply for a Food Primary licence - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/food_safety_agriculture/food_services/food_services_licensing/food_services_licensing.htm)

ICBC Calls:

Anne Drewa, Producer, Global TV | BC

Kristen Robinson, Reporter, Global TV | BC

Deadline: Thursday, October 27, 2022 4:00 PM

Request:

We received an inquiry from a Fraser Valley ICBC customer who says her stolen vehicle insurance claim was denied because ICBC has accused her of engaging in fraud.

Hilary 'Kat' Patterson claims her 2015 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from her building parkade in Hope, BC at 6am on April 22, 2022, in a theft captured on several surveillance cameras. Patterson reported the theft to RCMP (Police file #2022-13752) and filed a claim with ICBC (ICBC claim number BZ68586-4). Patterson's vehicle was recovered a week later at a homeless camp in Hope. Patterson says the jeep's muffler had been damaged by cutting and she suspects someone mistook it for the catalytic converter. Her catalytic converter is up inside the engine block, and she says the engine was significantly damaged. Patterson says ICBC kept her vehicle for two months before returning it to her parkade on a flatbed truck. The vehicle is no longer driveable.

ICBC she says, denied her claim, stating her jeep was not in good working order at the time of the theft. Patterson disputes this, claiming her jeep was reliable. She says it never stalled and never broke down while driving, there were no loud sounds, smells, and no oil or fluid leaks in her parking spot. Patterson relied on the vehicle to care for her two daughters and her aging mother, who was diagnosed with leukemia at the start of the pandemic. Patterson regularly transports her mother to oncology appointments in Burnaby.

Patterson says ICBC alleged she committed fraudulent acts prior to the theft, which she denies, claiming she loved her jeep and would never put her family at risk by driving a vehicle that was not in good mechanical condition. She says she is being denied coverage because she has been wrongfully accused of fraud. Patterson says she is still forced to pay insurance on a vehicle that cannot be driven and has not been sent a \$3,000 bill for the ICBC investigation with no breakdown of costs. She has also been notified that she will not be able to have comprehensive insurance coverage for three years.

We would like to hear ICBC's side of this – what happened and is there evidence fraud was committed by Patterson? Or has she been wrongfully accused? Please let us know. Patterson's contact details are below and I can send you the surveillance videos she has sent us but I assume you already have them.

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ICBC Interviews: Halloween Safety

Darin Bain, VISTA Radio

Kumud Azad, OMNI TV

Albert Tsui, Fairchild TV News

BCCS Media:

- Delivered in future wrap report.

Smithers KMs

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Hi – can we say anything more about Smithers than we did yesterday? MUNI is asking for bullets.

If nothing more to add, we'd like to give them the bullets Glen suggested yesterday (with slight tweak to bullet 2):

- Government condemns the destruction of vehicles in Smithers.
- ~~I expect that~~ The RCMP is conducting a full investigation into this serious criminal activity that could have led to serious injury.
- There is no excuse for such violence and intimidation.

I will also forward MUNI the RCMP release.

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Smithers KMs

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: October 27, 2022 9:44:26 AM PDT

- Government condemns the destruction of vehicles in Smithers.
- The RCMP is conducting a full investigation into this serious criminal activity that could have led to serious injury.
- There is no excuse for such violence and intimidation.

RE: Smithers KMs

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Sent: October 27, 2022 9:54:33 AM PDT
Thank you!

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 27, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Smithers KMs

Minor edit to the first bullet below.

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To: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Smithers KMs

Hi – can we say anything more about Smithers than we did yesterday? MUNI is asking for bullets.

If nothing more to add, we'd like to give them the bullets Glen suggested yesterday (with slight tweak to bullet 2):

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- ~~I expect that~~ The RCMP is conducting a full investigation into this serious criminal activity that could have led to serious injury.
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