



OFFICE OF THE
POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

British Columbia, Canada

November 10, 2009

Mr. David Eby
Executive Director
BC Civil Liberties Association
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Vancouver, BC V6E 4A2

Dear Mr. Eby:

Re: VPD Complaint regarding the in-custody death of Eugene Knight

Thank you for your letter and Form 1 dated October 29, 2009 concerning the death of Mr. Knight on September 18, 2009.

I can advise you that both Inspector Giardini of the Vancouver Police Department's Professional Standard Office and Chief Constable Jim Chu notified our office within hours of this incident occurring. Subsequently, I received a letter from Chief Constable Chu on October 13th, 2009 requesting that I order a s. 55(3) *Police Act* Public Trust investigation into Mr. Knight's death.

In this same letter Chief Constable Chu requested the *Police Act* investigation be conducted externally by the Port Moody Police Department. I acceded to Chief Chu's request for an external investigation and ordered an investigation into this incident, pursuant to s. 55(3) of the *Police Act* on October 14, 2009.

The lethal force used by the Vancouver Police officers that resulted in Mr. Knight's death will be the focus of the s. 55(3) Ordered Investigation. As a result of the Ordered Investigation, your Form 1 Record of Complaint is redundant; we will keep it on file and provide a copy of your complaint to the Port Moody and Vancouver Police Department's for their respective files.

Yours truly,

Stan T. Lowe
Police Complaint Commissioner

cc: Chief Constable Jim Chu
cc: Tom Steenvoorden, Investigative Analyst
cc: Chief Constable Parker, Port Moody PD

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