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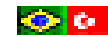
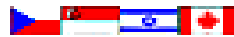
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Stop and search 'not overzealous'

Sunday, 16 December 2007, 18:33 GMT

Catriona Renton, BBC Scotland's Politics Show

Until the afternoon of Saturday 30 June, 2007, Scotland seemed to have little to fear from terrorism - but the attack on Glasgow Airport's main terminal building changed that forever.

Before then, invoking special powers to stop and search under the Terrorism Act was rare. These allow police to approach people without needing to show that they have "reasonable suspicion" an offence is being committed. From July, Scotland's eight police forces and the British Transport Police applied for and were granted the powers in Scotland.

Between them, the Scottish forces stopped and searched a total of 135 people and vehicles. None of the Scottish forces reapplied for the rights after they expired 28 days later. The British Transport Police have continued to use them in Scotland and, since July, they stopped and searched a total of 14,620 people and vehicles. It's bound to lead to tensions between police and the Muslim community

Osama Saeed - Muslim Association of Britain

This difference may seem large, but the transport police said it was small in proportion to the 75 million people who use Scotland's railways every year. Supt Ronnie Mellis, British Transport Police area commander in Scotland, said: "The terrorist threat level just now is set at 'severe' for the transport infrastructure in the UK. We're not doing it for no reason."

According to transport police figures, 14% of those searched were from a non-white background - a cause for concern among some community leaders. Osama Saeed, of the Muslim Association of Britain, claimed the number of stop-searches carried out on black and Asian people had increased in recent years - but Scottish transport officers said they had not received any complaints related to these concerns.

Mr Saeed said: "Since the Glasgow Airport attack, in Scotland, the same thing is being seen here. It's bound to lead to tensions between police and the Muslim community."

Transport police said they were facing a severe threat. Transport policing crosses borders and police representatives said it required a different approach to civil policing. Joe Grant, of the Scottish Police Federation, said: "I don't think its an overzealousness. It's a response to the inability to make security a common feature at every train station." Transport systems are vulnerable - as shown by the 7/7 attack in London.

Former Scotland Yard commander John O'Connor said that, because the transport system was a popular target, there would be increased transport police activity.

"Quite clearly, their strategy is to intensify their stops and searches," he said. "It doesn't make anything other than sense."

The Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland said that stop and search powers were sought in the most extreme circumstances when there was a "specific operational need". "The balance between the rights of the public to go about their lawful business and the need to protect society from terrorists are taken into account," said the organisation.

The Glasgow Airport attack was carried out at the main terminal

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South Florida Officer Killed, Becoming 4th in Six Months

By CARMEN GENTILE - Published: January 9, 2008

MIAMI — An off-duty Miami police detective was shot and killed early Tuesday morning, and the authorities speculated that he may have stumbled on a drug transaction in progress. It was the fourth killing of an officer in South Florida in the last six months.

The detective, James Walker, 30, was found dead in his unmarked police cruiser in an alley in North Miami Beach, a community neighboring Miami that is known for gang and drug violence.

Miami police officials said Detective Walker was sitting outside the home of his former wife around 12:45 a.m. when assailants opened fire on his car. Witnesses said they heard an exchange of gunfire in the alley, leading investigators to believe that Detective Walker had returned fire. The police said they found a high-powered assault rifle at the scene, along with many bullet casings. Investigators said they were searching a nearby canal for other weapons connected to the officer's killing.

"I don't know what he was doing in this alley," the detective's brother-in-law, John Randle, told The Associated Press. "He was a good, humble guy. He was no trouble." Detective Walker, who joined the police force in 2000, was assigned to the domestic violence unit in August. Officials said he had never worked in the narcotics unit.

A police spokesman, Delrish Moss, said that the authorities were questioning three people in connection with the shooting, including one man with a minor bullet wound to his arm. No suspects in the shooting have been named, but the police said they were looking for a white Ford Taurus riddled with bullet holes and other possible damage.

Sgt. Chris Reyka, a Broward County sheriff's deputy, was shot and killed in August as he investigated a suspicious car in a parking lot. In September, Jose Somohano, a Miami-Dade County police officer, was killed after a traffic stop. Three other officers were wounded, and the gunman in that shooting was later killed by the police.

And in November, a 76-year-old Broward County sheriff's deputy, Paul Rein, was shot to death by an inmate he was taking to court.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/09/us/09miami.html>

PHILA. FBI CHIEF CONFIRMED TO LEAD CHICAGO POLICE

Thu, Jan. 10, 2008

[http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/philadelphia/20080110 Philadelphia FBI chief confirmed to lead Chicago police.html](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/philadelphia/20080110_Philadelphia_FBI_chief_confirmed_to_lead_Chicago_police.html)

CHICAGO - Former Philadelphia FBI agent J.P. "Jody" Weis officially became Chicago's police superintendent yesterday. The City Council approved, 44-1, Mayor Richard Daley's nomination of Weis, who had been the special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia office.

Weis has said he'll strengthen training and work to bring public confidence back to a department shaken by allegations of brutality and misconduct. Weis replaces Police Superintendent Phil Cline. Cline announced his retirement last year amid allegations of excessive force, barroom brawls involving off-duty officers and a scandal in a disbanded gang and drug unit.

By Associated Press <http://www.nbc4i.com/midwest/cmh/news.apx.-content-articles-CMH-2008-01-10-0022.html>

Police Identify Officer Who Fatally Shot Woman During Drug Raid

LIMA, Ohio -- A police officer who shot and killed a woman and injured her 1-year-old son during a drug raid is a 31-year veteran of the department, police said Wednesday in making the officer's identity public. Sgt. Joseph Chavalía, 52, was placed on administrative leave following Friday's fatal shooting of Tarika Wilson, 26.

The shooting has outraged residents who have demanded that city leaders give them more answers about what happened. Some said the officer who fired at the woman should face charges. Members of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and area black ministers said more must be known before residents can begin healing and trust police again.

During the raid, Wilson's 1-year-old son, Sincere Wilson, was injured and had a finger amputated. Wilson's boyfriend, Anthony Terry, 31, was arrested on a charge of suspicion of possession of crack cocaine. The raid concluded a long-term investigation into the sale of illegal drugs out of the home, the police chief said.

There was no telephone listing for Chavalía in the Lima area, and no one answered Wednesday at the Fraternal Order of Police lodge in Lima. Chavalía was involved in the department's last fatal shooting in 2000. He told another officer to fire at a man when he saw the man holding a knife after other attempts to subdue the man had failed. An Allen County grand jury cleared Chavalía and the other officer of criminal charges. Investigators from the U.S. Department of Justice also cleared the pair.

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Posted on Thu, Jan. 10, 2008

Police: Sheriff's deputy killed when teen suspect rams vehicle

The Associated Press

PINEVILLE, Ky. --A sheriff's deputy in southeastern Kentucky has been killed when a teenage driver's car rammed the officer's parked cruiser. State Police say Bell County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Pursifull, 31, died early Thursday. The teens have been charged with murder in Pursifull's death.

Authorities say the teen and another youth in a black 2002 Mazda drove away from an Exxon gas station in Baxter without paying and police followed them down U.S. 119 into Bell County. State police said the car was speeding in a 55 mile-per-hour zone and two state troopers attempted to stop the vehicle during a pursuit.

Pursifull was stationed on the northbound side of U.S. 119 in his vehicle when the teen's car veered over the center line and rammed into Pursifull's vehicle on the right side. Pursifull and his K-9 dog "King" were killed in the collision, state police said in a statement.

The 17-year-old driver, from Delaware and a 16-year-old passenger from Pennsylvania were only slightly injured. Both were released from a hospital and jailed in the Adair County Juvenile Detention Center on charges of murder and assault on a service animal.

<http://www.kentucky.com/471/story/281944.html>

FBI Wiretaps Cut Because Bureau Did Not Pay Phone Bills on Time

Thursday, 10 Jan 2008, 12:38 PM EST

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Telephone companies have cut off FBI wiretaps used to eavesdrop on suspected criminals because of the bureau's repeated failures to pay phone bills on time.

A Justice Department audit released Thursday blamed the lost connections on the FBI's lax oversight of money used in undercover

investigations. Poor supervision of the program also allowed one agent to steal \$25,000, the audit said.

In at least one case, a wiretap used in a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act investigation "was halted due to untimely payment," the audit found. FISA wiretaps are used in the government's most sensitive and secretive criminal investigations, and allow eavesdropping on suspected terrorists or spies.

"We also found that late payments have resulted in telecommunications carriers actually disconnecting phone lines

established to deliver surveillance results to the FBI, resulting in lost evidence," according to the audit by Inspector General Glenn A. Fine.

More than half of 990 bills to pay for telecommunication surveillance in five unidentified FBI field offices were not paid on time, the report shows. In one office alone, unpaid costs for wiretaps from one phone company totaled \$66,000.

The FBI did not have an immediate comment.

The report released Thursday was a highly edited version of Fine's 87-page audit that the FBI deemed too sensitive to be viewed publicly. It focused on what the FBI admitted was an "antiquated" system to track money sent to its 56 field offices nationwide for undercover work. Generally, the money pays for rental cars, leases and surveillance, the audit noted.

It also found that some field offices paid for expenses on undercover cases that should have been financed by FBI headquarters. Out of 130 undercover payments examined, auditors found 14 cases of at least

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\$6,000 each where field offices dipped into their own budgets to pay for work that should have been picked up by headquarters.

The faulty bookkeeping was blamed, in large part, in the case of an FBI agent who pleaded guilty in June 2006 to stealing \$25,000 for her own use, the audit noted.

"As demonstrated by the FBI employee who stole funds intended to support undercover activities, procedural controls by themselves have not ensured proper tracking and use of confidential case funds," it concluded.

Fine's report offered 16 recommendations to improve the FBI's tracking and management of the funding system, including its telecommunication costs. The FBI has agreed to follow 11 of the suggestions but said that four "would be either unfeasible or too cost prohibitive." The recommendations were not specifically outlined in the edited version of the report.

New exam 'limits' Scottish police

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Only officers applying for top-level jobs must complete the course

The Scottish Government has denied that senior police officers are being disadvantaged by a directive stating they complete England-based training. The new directive was introduced on 1 January and means that all those who apply for top jobs with Scottish forces must now complete the course.

Central Scotland joint police board said the move had limited the number of top-level job applicants. The force is currently seeking to fill a deputy chief constable post.

The full Strategic Command Course (SCC) can only be done at Bramshill College, near Basingstoke in Hampshire. The course must be completed by anyone applying to become an assistant chief constable or higher rank. Critics of the new directive said it discriminates against officers who have served only north of the border.

'New criteria'

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Scottish Government

The convener of Central Scotland Police board, Councillor George Matchett, said his committee would write to Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill about their concerns.

He said he believed the number of candidates who applied to replace deputy chief constable Colin Mather, who will retire in March, had been reduced by the directive.

Cllr Matchett added: "I was disappointed in the number of applications we received, and I believe this reflects the new condition that has been applied, that you have to have satisfactorily completed attendance at the strategic command course at Bramshill. "I am quite convinced there are other officers in Scotland who would have been more than suitable candidates, but who were debarred from applying because of this new criteria."

Cllr Matchett, who served as a chief superintendent with the force in the 1990s, said anyone attending the Bramshill course would be required to stay there for a "number of months". By March there will be seven vacancies for assistant chief constables or above ranks across Scotland's eight forces.

Fears have also been expressed that selection panels will have to look to England and Wales to appoint high-level officers. The course, run by the Police National Improvement Agency, is already mandatory in England and Wales. The police board has written to Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill

A Scottish Government spokesman said the decision to make the course mandatory had been taken by the previous Labour-led administration, and was being honoured by the SNP. He said: "This will end the anomaly where the SCC is treated as a mandatory qualification by some Scottish forces but not by others, and will establish clear, objective and transparent standards across the country.

"The SCC has been mandatory for all chief officer appointments in England and Wales for over 15 years. "This has meant that those Scottish chief officers who have not attained this qualification have in effect been barred from applying for posts in English and Welsh forces.

"Our aim is to ensure that Scotland attracts the highest calibre of candidates for these challenging and demanding roles." He added that there was no evidence to support the claim that the SCC was biased against Scottish officers. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/7181207.stm

BREAKING NEWS*Off-duty police officer killed in accident

By: Jamie Nash, Courier staff 1/10/2008

An off-duty Conroe Police officer died Thursday afternoon after he and his wife, who was critically injured, were ejected from his motorcycle when it collided with a pick-up truck near Lake Conroe.

Feldon J. "Joe" Cranfill, 38, of Willis, was pronounced dead on arrival after being flown by PHI Air Medical helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston's Texas Center. His wife, Casanda "Kasi" Cranfill, was also flown by PHI to the same hospital following the wreck, which occurred just after 3 p.m., according to officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A DPS official said the crash occurred at the intersection of Calvary Road and Lake Conroe Bay and involved the Cranfills' motorcycle and a Ford Ranger. A Montgomery County Sheriff's deputy reported the accident. Further accident details were unavailable as of press time.

In a show of solidarity and support, several fellow CPD officers attended the Conroe City Council meeting, along with Deputy Chief Philip Dupuis, who led the meeting in prayer. Dupuis made the announcement and said Kasi Cranfill was in critical condition, but expected to survive.

He also said the couple has a 10-year-old son.

Cranfill, a three-year CPD veteran, was also vice-president of the Blue Knights of Texas Chapter 33, and President Ray Wilkins said he was grooming Cranfill to take the top spot.

"He had a kind heart," Wilkins said. "And he was the kind of person who was always there if you needed anything." Most recently, Cranfill worked with the Blue Knights' Blue Santa Program, which provided a Christmas party last month for 25 children and their families. Cranfill served as one of Santa's helpers at the event and also worked on the preparations and publicity.

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1574&dept_id=532215&newsid=19188498&PAG=461&rfti=9

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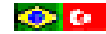
US Marshals www.usmarshals.com is a movie that gives alot of insight on what the US Marshals Service does.

They search for and go after fugitives all over the places. A Fugitive is one who is fleeing or having fled, as from an arrest, pursuit, etc. One who flees or tries to escape from the law. Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes and Robert Downey Jr. are all in this movie. See the movie and learn more about what the US Marshals Service do.

Derwin's Book Review: Transformation and Trouble...

This is a book written by Diana R. Gordan. It gives alot insight on crime and justice. To para phrase words that were written, "Crime is one of the major challenges to a new democracy." Violence often increases after the lifting of authoritarian control. How can a fledgling democracy fight crime? In the book Transformation and Trouble Diana R. Gordon discuss it. Diana R. Gordon critically examines this. Diana R. Gordan is a writer who is affiliated with John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Transformation and Trouble calls for commitment to criminal justice. Transformation and Trouble is a must book to read. Transformation and Trouble written by Diana R. Gordon.

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