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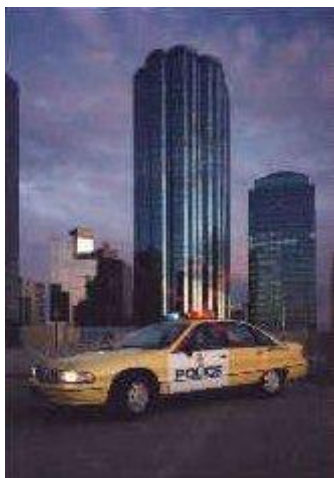
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Al Sheppard is one of our members and a New York Cop Writer - Story of Al Sheppard's ten years assigned to the NYPD Emergency Service Unit http://www.newyorkcopwriter.com/last_midnight.html

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TopCops on the Internet member, Greg O'Hara announces the arrival of a new grand-daughter "Riley" last night (July 16, 2006) to his daughter and her husband. 6lbs./3 oz. Everyone fine! This makes #7.....Hua! Semper Fi! Greg O'Hara

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How Shootings Affect Police Officers

Police shooting at suspects in Las Vegas, it's happening more and more. So far this year there have been 19 officer-involved shootings, 11 of those suspects died. Two of those suspects were shot by the same Metro police officer, 35-year-old Rodolfo Gil.

The first incident happened in January near Harmon and Mountain Vista. The latest shooting happened at the Circle K near Sahara and Nellis on July 9. In both cases, the suspects were armed with guns and Officer Gil says the suspects shot first.

Psychologist Dr. Phil Colosimo believes a police officer could be quicker to pull the trigger after being involved in a prior shooting.

Dr. Colosimo explained, "Absolutely, they would respond a lot quicker and be more hyper-vigilant. It depends on the individual. Individual differences play a big role here, and how well versed that person is, and how well they take care of themselves after post incident."

He also says officers can recover quickly, in a matter of months, after being involved in such a traumatic incident.

"It is possible, if that person is resilient and has a sharp attitude to what he's doing," Dr. Colosimo continued.

Clark County Sheriff Bill Young says no sane police officer wants to use his or her weapon. Young has said that officers do not go out looking to use their weapons. When they do, they are placed on administrative leave. Also, officers involved in shootings must see a psychiatrist and get cleared by that doctor before returning to the field.

Dr. Colosimo says it takes a combination of character and counseling to overcome the physical and emotional stress that follows an officer involved shooting. "A lot depends on how the person looks at the situation," he said.

Right now, there are 13 officers on administrative leave.

According to Metro Police, there is no specific timetable regarding how long officers involved in a shootings must wait before returning to duty. Each situation is different.

Metro also has a program where officers counsel each other after a traumatic incident. It's up to each officer whether they want to continue with counseling.

The program actually started because of officer involved shootings, back in the 1980s when stats showed that 60-percent of officers would quit after being involved in a shooting. Send feedback to reporter Adrian Arambulo at aarambulo@klastv.com

On July 16, 2006 Sunday the KFSN-TV/DT Local News reported that a Fresno Police Officer was killed in a Motorcycle accident.

Officer Edward Brett Chan died Saturday night in a motorcycle accident in Visalia. Officer Chan had been with the Fresno Police Department for 10 years and with the Lemoore and Visalia police departments for 17 years.

He was riding in his hometown, when a car turned in front of him. The driver of the car has been arrested for driving under the influence. Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer released a statement about Chan's death early Sunday morning.

He says, "It is a sad day for the Fresno Police Department family, as we have lost one of our cherished officers. Brett was a loved and respected member of our police department and he will be deeply missed. We ask the community to keep the Chan family in their prayers."

Edward Chan is survived by his mother, two sons and a daughter. The family has not released a statement.

Today - Fresno police are mourning the loss of one of their own.

Local6.com reported on Sunday at 2:41 pm EDT July 16, 2006 the following story:

SWAT Officer Kills Fla. Man On Highway

PHOENIX -- A SWAT team officer shot and killed an armed Florida man as he held a woman by the neck on an Arizona freeway at the end of a long chase.

The incident began Friday night with the robbery of a Walgreens pharmacy in Casa Grande, Phoenix police Detective Tony Morales said. The man reportedly took narcotics, then fled in a large motorhome pulling a pickup on a trailer.

Their identities have not been confirmed, but the 49-year-old man is believed to be from Jupiter, Fla., and the 53-year-old woman is his wife or ex-wife, Morales said.

Chased by Casa Grande police and Arizona Department of Public Safety officers, the man refused to stop and drove almost 50 miles into Phoenix, where police managed to flatten the RV's tires with stop sticks.

But the motorhome driver refused to stop, and in a scene captured live by television helicopters, continued on the freeway into downtown Phoenix in a shower of sparks before finally stopping at 19th Avenue.

As smoke rose from the RV, dozens of officers took up position, but no one came out. Then, television images showed a rear tire ignited and within minutes the entire back half of the large camper was blazing.

As explosions started ripping apart the back half of the RV, the man could be seen walking away, tightly holding a smaller person.

"The officers could see clearly that he had a gun in his hand, a handgun," Morales said. "He also had a woman, with his arm around her neck and a gun to her head."

He walked several hundred yards up the freeway, with officers trailing and others taking up positions in front and alongside, but showed no sign of surrendering.

That's when the SWAT officer, a 28-year-veteran, decided to take action.

"He saw that this woman's life continued to be in danger, that he was not going to stop, and he fired one shot and hit him," Morales said. "He did exactly what he needed to do when it became clear that the woman was in extreme danger."

FBI post \$5,000 reward in Grand Canyon slaying

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20060717/ap_travel_brief_grand_canyon_slaying_1

PHOENIX – The FBI has posted a \$5,000 reward for information about the May slaying of a Japanese woman at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Tomomi Hanamura, 34, of Tokyo, was visiting Havasupai alone and was last seen walking on a popular trail leading to the Havasupai Falls after checking in to the lodge at Supai on May 8.

She apparently never slept in her room and a maid reported her missing the next day. Her body was found by a group of swimmers on May 13 floating in a pool below a waterfall.

She had been stabbed more than two dozen times, a coroner's report showed.

An FBI dive team found some of her belongings, but her cell phone, credit cards and cash have not been recovered.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, FBI, Coconino County Sheriff's Office and state Department of Public Safety are investigating the case.

Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI's Flagstaff office at 928-774-0631.

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By James Hamilton
Police killed in 'government-free zone'

<http://www.sundayherald.com/56814>

The Sunday Herald is Scotland's award-winning independent paper

THREE policemen heading for a dinner break have been ambushed and killed by an armed gang in a lawless corner of northern Guatemala, Mexican authorities confirmed yesterday.

The attack occurred in El Naranjo late on Friday, near the Mexican border, in an area overrun with drug and immigrant smugglers and part of a region that a recent US State Department report described as a "government-free zone" where criminals are largely free to do as they please.

Olimpia Pineda, a police spokesman, said an officer and two police agents were walking to a restaurant when a vehicle blocked their path and at least three men inside started shooting with pistols and an automatic weapon.

"We are continuing to investigate, but you have to remember that this is a place where drugs and undocumented migrants are smuggled," Pineda added.

Investigators said they were unsure why the three officers were targeted.

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http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/5189486.stm

Police officer is killed at the beach



Dinas Dinlle beach (Pic: Mike Taylor)

The officer was wakeboarding off Dinas Dinlle beach. A serving officer with North Wales Police has died after being towed by a water bike off a beach near Caernarfon.

He was on a wakeboard being towed by a water bike at Dinas Dinlle beach at about 1700 BST on Monday when the driver saw he had fallen into the sea.

He was brought to the shore and an ambulance took him to Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. North Wales Police said the incident is not being treated as a criminal matter.

The force added that more details will be released once all the officer's relatives are informed. He was said to have been at the beach with family and friends when the incident happened.

Wakeboarding is a surface water sport similar to water skiing but with a single board instead of skis.

Submitted by TopCops on the Internet member, Steve Livingston

It is with a heavy heart I announce another LODD for the Columbus, Ohio Police Department...Officer Paul "Stan" Kaiser - a 32 year police veteran of the Division - died around 2 am July 17th while training another pilot at our heliport and just as they were about to go up for the 2 am flight rotation.

Stan was doing an extra-long pre-flight and instrument check when he became faint. The observer/co-pilot had to call for help and shut down the chopper. Additional heliport officers ran out to the tarmac, pulled Stan from the cockpit, and perform CPR on him.

Stan was taken to the trauma center at The Ohio State University Medical Center about 2 miles away, but died of an apparent heart attack. He was the seniormost pilot at the heliport (23 years there) and loved the night shift (best damn shift around if you ask me!!)...This was sudden and very unexpected...

Stan was an avid athlete, 53 years old, and had just had his annual physical 3 weeks ago with no problems noted... We lose too many people...while this isn't a death caused by another's actions, it is still line of duty...Stan was about to fly and help us out...BE SAFE!!!!!!



Constable Robin Cameron, 29, is originally from Beardy's First Nation in Saskatchewan is shown in this undated handout



Constable Marc Bourdages, 26.

MOUNTIES DEAD OFFICERS SHOT BY GUNMAN MOURNED

<http://www.canada.com/reginaleaderpost/news/story.html?id=2114db10-5eab-4931-b3ac-1f8d695d9bd2&k=36667>

Darren Bernhardt and Janani Gopal, Saskatoon StarPhoenix - Published: Sunday, July 16, 2006

RCMP Constables Marc Bourdages and Robin Cameron, shot while pursuing a suspect in an assault complaint July 7, succumbed to their severe head injuries and died on the weekend.

"Marc and Robin have crossed over for their next journey. We asked for that miracle for our members to survive, but it wasn't meant to be," said Howard Cameron, Robin's father, at a press conference at RCMP Saskatoon headquarters.

"We have to heal but it's going to take a while. I have to concentrate on finding the good in all this. The sooner I can do that, the sooner I can heal. I will take the good memories five minutes at a time, half-hour at a time, a day at a time, then find another that's going to fill the void."

Robin, 29, and Marc, 26, were both five-year members of the RCMP when they were fatally shot near Mildred, Saskatchewan, 12 kilometres east of Spiritwood, where they were posted. They were rushed to Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital and remained in intensive care.

They never gained consciousness, according to RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Brian Jones.

Robin died at 11 p.m. Saturday and Marc at 1:15 a.m. Sunday. Robin's family made the grievous decision Thursday to halt further attempts to keep her alive by machines and medication, Howard said.

"The wound to her head was so devastating. The doctors said the Robin we knew would never come back," he said.

Robin had once told her family that, in the event she was incapacitated and couldn't live fully as she once did, she didn't want to be saved, Howard added.

"We honoured that but it was difficult," he said. "Last night (Saturday), she took her final breath with family around her. Now we will take her home."

RCMP were not certain if Marc' family did the same or if he died on his own. A massive manhunt is underway to find the alleged shooter, Curtis Alfred Dagenais, 41.

The officers were attending an assault call in Spiritwood, about 150 kilometres north of Saskatoon, when they tried to speak with Dagenais. He fled in his pick-up truck and the officers gave chase for about 15 kilometres on country roads, with a second RCMP vehicle joining the pursuit.

It came to a halt south of Mildred when Marc and Robin, in the lead cruiser, were struck by bullets from a high-powered rifle. The third RCMP officer called for emergency help when her colleagues went down. She was also shot at but not hit.

She returned fire on Dagenais, who ran into the dense bush. RCMP are not certain whether Dagenais was struck. Dagenais had already been charged with attempted murder for shooting at the third officer.

"Now there will be an additional two homicide charges," said Jones.

Everyone at the press conference, including family of the dead officers and other RCMP officials, wore a pin and mourning ribbon in recognition of police officers killed in the line of duty.

As Howard spoke solemnly Sunday to the gathered media, his ex-wife Denise Cameron, Robin's mom, stared blankly and red-eyed at the ground and clutched a crumpled tissue. Marc's wife, Natasha Szpakowski, also stood behind Howard but maintained a steady, straight-ahead stare.

An RCMP constable at the Spiritwood detachment with her husband and Cameron, Szpakowski retained her composure as she thanked hospital staff for their care and Canadians for the numerous messages of support the RCMP has received, which "have helped us keep strong through this horrible week."

Marc, from Saint-Eustache, Quebec, met Szpakowski after moving to Saskatchewan and the couple was married shortly afterwards. They have a nine-month-old son. Szpakowski's voice quivered only when she offered her hopes for her husband in his death.

"I believe that Marc is with us now in spirit and that he lives in a better place where he can be peaceful," she said, then turned and hugged Robin's parents.

As a young girl on the Beardy's-Okemasis First Nation north of Saskatoon, Robin dreamed of joining the RCMP. She conquered the hurdles of a teen pregnancy, dropping out of school and requiring eye surgery in order to realize that dream, Howard said.

"As parents, we supported her. We knew the risks. She knew the risks," he said. "I know Robin and Marc wore that uniform with pride."

Robin leaves behind an 11-year-old daughter. There are 11 brothers and three sisters in the Cameron family on Beardy's First Nation to look after the girl. Howard also thanked Szpakowski's son, who was not present, for "bringing a smile to our face during this tough time."

After he finished speaking, Howard rested his head against the shoulder of his wife, Norlaine, holding her for a long minute.

"We are all tremendously saddened by today's news. Marc and Robin were dedicated and much loved members of our RCMP family," said Jones. "We will continue to support

both families through this difficult time. Robin and Marc will never be forgotten and their sacrifice is something we all honour on behalf of the Canadians we serve."

"Both Robin and Marc wanted to make a difference. It is a blow to us all," said RCMP Assistant Commissioner Darrell McFadyen, commanding officer of "F" division (Saskatchewan). "The families, RCMP, community, and country join in grieving for the officers. We all feel this loss intensely."

Police spent the past week searching on foot and in the air a 208-square kilometre area of bush and field south of Mildred. Asked if the search would get more intense as a result of the officer's deaths, Jones replied, "I don't know how it could get more intense."

Tactical teams aided by canine units scoured outbuildings, hunter's tents, barns and any other buildings within the search zone but have not found the fugitive. As of Saturday night, the RCMP had received 185 tips from the public and are following up as many as they can, said Jones.

Dagenais is familiar with the area, which is where he grew up, and is considered armed and dangerous.

RCMP won't say how many officers are combing the land but have said they planned to scale it back slightly then pick it up again whenever and wherever they believe Dagenais to be.

"There is still a very large police presence out there," said Jones, who had been reluctant to provide too much information on the search and condition of the officers for fear Dagenais might be receiving news reports.

"I'm not going to hold back commenting on the deaths of our members because he might hear," Jones said.

Asked if there was concern that Dagenais could come out, guns blazing with nothing left to lose, if he learns the officers have died, Jones said "His reaction and state of mind has been a concern since the start. The level of risk ahead does not change."

Police also haven't ruled out the possibility Dagenais might have killed himself.

"Our prayers are still with the members who are out there. I have confidence in the justice system and the RCMP that they will get their man and justice will be done," said Howard.

Arrangements are underway to hold a regimental funeral for Robin and Marc. A wake on the Beardy's First Nation is also being planned for Robin, said Howard.

Lawrence Police Use Infrared Cameras to ID Stolen Vehicles

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WISH-TV
Channel 8
1950 N. Meridian St
Indianapolis, IN 46202

It has been more than a year since a Lawrence police officer died after being hit by a stolen van. Now the department is using new technology to help get stolen vehicles off the streets.

A Lawrence police car is the first in the state to use infrared cameras to scan license plates and in less than a second tell if the car is stolen. So far, Lawrence officers have recovered over \$100,000 worth of stolen vehicles and they say Officer Craig Herbert's death inspired the new system.

"It's an emotional roller coaster, but it reassures us what we're doing out here and to know we're out here helping everybody else, and our lives are on the line, but it's okay, that's what we signed up for," said Lt. Erika Schneider, Lawrence Police Department.

The equipment costs about \$40,000, all of which was donated to the department.

<http://www.wishtv.com/global/story.asp?s=5160158>

Child killer Clifford Olson denied parole (Convicted of killing 11 children)

An artist's sketch of Clifford Olson at his faint-hope hearing in 1997. (Felicity Don/Canadian Press)



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Convicted serial killer Clifford Olson was denied parole Tuesday after a short hearing in a Montreal-area prison.

"Mr. Olson presents a high risk and a psychopathic risk," National Parole Board panel member Jacques Letendre said. "He is a sexual sadist and a narcissist.

"If released, he will kill again."

After indicating that he was not requesting parole and that the board had no jurisdiction over him, Olson did not return when the decision was reached following an adjournment.

"I will be staying in my cell," Olson said before the break. "I won't be coming back to hear your retarded decision."

Olson, who once described himself as "the beast of British Columbia," had applied for parole after serving 25 years for murdering 11 young people in B.C.

But at the hearing, Olson said he wasn't interested in seeking parole.

The three-member panel heard victim impact statements from family members of three of his victims.

Olson made bizarre statements during the session. He told the board he intended to leave the country as he had a deal in place with the U.S. attorney general because of information he had related to 9/11.

According to journalist Peter Worthington, who has interviewed Olson, such behaviour was not surprising.

Worthington told CBC News that in the past, Olson has tried to mail letters from prison to famous people such as television talk show host Jay Leno, former prime minister Jean Chrétien and former U.S. president Bill Clinton.

Worthington said that while the killer can instantly switch from moments of lucidity and introspection about his crimes to unrelated topics, he's usually in control of the conversation.

"He knows right from wrong; he just doesn't care," said Worthington. "Everything is a kind of learned behaviour. He's a good con man and he manipulates." Under Canadian law, Olson is entitled to make a case for parole every two years.

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Suspect in RCMP killings turns self in

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The man wanted in connection with the shooting deaths of two RCMP officers, Curtis Alfred Dagenais, surrendered to police in Spiritwood, Sask., on Tuesday.

Curtis Alfred Dagenais is in custody in Spiritwood, Sask. (RCMP)

"He has been taken into custody without incident," RCMP Assistant Commissioner Darrell McFadyen said. Dagenais, 41, was being sought on warrants alleging two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

He will now be charged with those crimes, an RCMP spokesperson told a short media briefing in Regina. Dagenais turned himself in at 4 p.m. local time. Const. Marc Bourdages, 26, and Const. Robin Cameron, 29, died July 16 after they were shot on July 7 near the farming community of Mildred, about 140 kilometres west of Prince Albert.

RCMP Sgt. Brian Jones said there was a sense of relief that Dagenais had turned himself in. RCMP had initially launched an extensive hunt for the suspect in the rough country around Spiritwood, but it was not successful and they later scaled it back.

Dagenais appeared to be fine, the officer said, and is in custody in Spiritwood.

Mom asked Dagenais to surrender

Elsie Dagenais, the suspect's mother, had issued a public plea for her son to turn himself in to police. The officers went to investigate a domestic dispute in Spiritwood on the evening of July 7.

A suspect fled in a truck. The officers followed for 27 kilometres before they were shot. Their cruiser was found a short time later with several bullet holes in the windshield. A third officer was fired on, but she escaped unharmed and called for help.

Bourdages, who was originally from Saint-Eustache, Que., left behind his wife, who is also an RCMP officer at the Spiritwood detachment, and their nine-month-old boy.

Cameron, a member of the Beardy's Okemasis First Nation north of Saskatoon, was a single mother who left behind an 11-year-old daughter. The RCMP said the families of the two officers have been notified.