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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

“C” DIVISION
2006-2007



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MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT



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For the past 134 years, the men and women of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to safe homes and safe communities.

The appointment of Mr. William Elliott as the 22nd Commissioner of the RCMP takes this organization into a new era. Change is constant and we have demonstrated time and again our ability to adapt and evolve. We will continue to embrace this organization's proud traditions and will continue to be guided by our core values: honesty, integrity, compassion, respect, accountability and professionalism. RCMP employees will work shoulder to shoulder to support Commissioner Elliott in discharging his responsibilities. Our commitment to our partners and stakeholders will also remain constant and unwavering.

Those of us who are entrusted with the future of this great organization must make it a priority to recognize and maintain our greatest asset – our people. It is our people who made the RCMP the great organization that it is, and it is our people who will keep it great during and after this period of transition.

In Quebec and South-East Ontario – "C" Division's jurisdiction – this past year has been marked by investigations that were diversified, far-reaching and innovative.

Diversified because our police operations resulted in the disruption of well-established criminal rings and the arrest of suspects

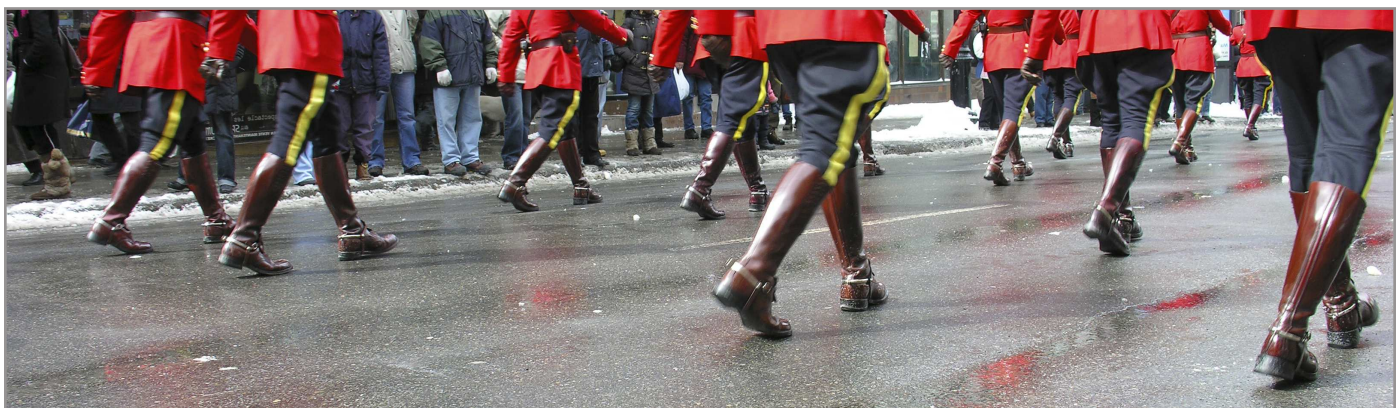
in many fields of criminal activity such as DVD piracy, illegal interception of satellite television signals, counterfeiting of currencies, clothing and fashion accessories, tobacco smuggling, tele-marketing fraud and, of course, drug trafficking.

Far-reaching when looking at the images from Project Colisée which not only allowed to infiltrate a traditional criminal organization with many tentacles, but also to feed our intelligence databank.

Innovative because of the original investigative techniques used in some of our police operations to cut to the core of organized crime. Without going into too much details, an example of such innovative investigation is Project Cabernet-Cubain. In this international investigation, we went as far as chartering a boat to allow the crew to keep an eye on alleged drug traffickers for several days while at sea.

In addition to investigations, "C" Division, through its Protective Services, is responsible for providing security for dignitaries and major events in Quebec such as during the visit of former US President, George Bush Sr., and NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

In short, as you will note when reading "C" Division 2006-2007 Year in Review, we have continued our efforts directly linked to our mission which is essentially to fight criminal activity and enforce federal laws.



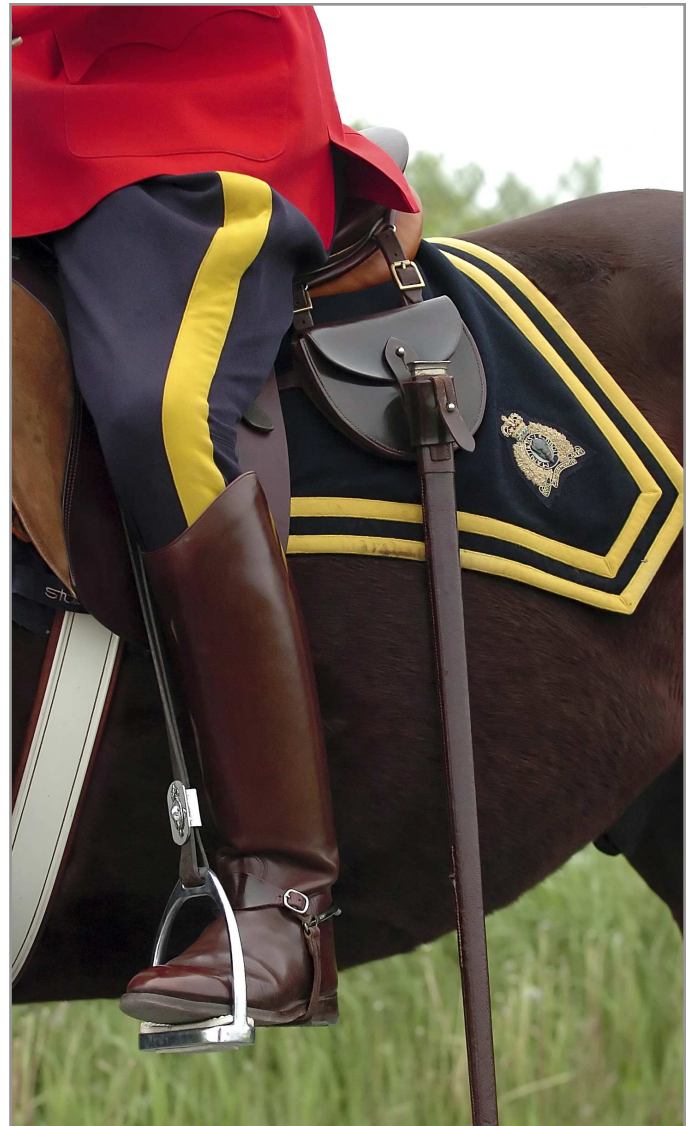
ABOUT "C" DIVISION

Created in Quebec in 1920, our Division was already tasked back then with enforcing some forty federal statutes. Over the years, we have evolved with society to become a modern team with sophisticated investigative techniques and a broader mandate, with an ever-growing international reputation.

Today, our 1,200 police officers, civilian members and Public Service employees focus on financial integrity, national and border security and the fight against organized crime. We have specialized resources for our investigations, offer protective services to dignitaries and conduct crime prevention initiatives within the community. We deliver services throughout Quebec and the large south-eastern region of Ontario.

In addition to the Headquarters located in Montréal, our Division consists of 15 detachments that are distributed geographically within two districts, namely East and West districts. Since 1998, we have been an integral part of Central Region, which includes the RCMP divisions in Quebec, Ontario and Canada's National Capital Region.

Our investigations –strictly federal– are in no way comparable to the concept of community policing, which is used elsewhere in Canada and by our policing partners in Quebec. However, by joining forces with our local and foreign partners in the area of intelligence, we are able to conduct successful interjurisdictional investigations.



OUR MISSION AND OUR PRIORITIES

As part of our federal mandate and in co-operation with our partners and the communities we serve, our objective is to ensure the safety and security of citizens, communities and Canadian institutions.

Specifically, the RCMP in Quebec and South-East Ontario is responsible for:

- Enforcing federal laws
- Providing security for Canadian and foreign dignitaries
- Contributing to national security
- Combatting organized crime
- Contributing to Canada's economic integrity
- Contributing to border integrity

OUR OPERATIONS

ORGANIZED CRIME

Project Colisée

DISRUPTION OF A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION

The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) dealt a serious blow to organized crime as a result of a major takedown in the Montréal region. Ninety individuals are facing nearly 1,000 charges. These charges are the culmination of Project Colisée the purpose of which was to attack a traditional organized crime group on several fronts as is reflected in the charges filed against the accused: drug importation and trafficking, conspiracy for the purpose of trafficking, gangsterism, bookmaking, extortion, corruption, possession of restricted weapons, possession of proceeds of crime and attempted murder.



Projects Cubain and Cabernet

INNOVATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Federal officers designed a bold scheme to cut to the core of two separate cocaine importation rings. Some 20 alleged criminals were arrested. They are facing numerous charges of conspiracy to import drugs to Canada for the purpose of trafficking.

This major police investigation, carried out by Montréal and Québec city Drug Sections federal officers, is the result of two operations conducted in parallel in the last two years. These two operations, named "Cabernet" and "Cubain", shared the same investigative techniques.

In the course of Project Cubain, RCMP officers conducted a major investigation that led to the dismantling of a criminal ring specializing in the importation of cocaine using a concealing method dubbed "torpedo" where drugs were concealed under the hull of ships and then smuggled into Canada to be retrieved by divers.

In parallel with Project Cubain, RCMP officers undertook a second operation, Project Cabernet. In this operation, RCMP officers posed as drug carriers and were to transport 1,000 kilograms of cocaine to Canada. However, the criminal organization was unable to complete the deal that would have made it possible for the RCMP officers to take possession of the drugs directly from the suppliers. But even if the deal fell through, sufficient evidence was gathered to file charges against the organization including for conspiracy to import cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

Project Cléopâtre

DISMANTLING OF A MARIJUANA AND ECSTASY TRAFFICKING NETWORK

More than 350 police officers took part in a large-scale operation aimed at dismantling a criminal organization specializing in the trafficking and exportation of marijuana and ecstasy to the United States, as well as money laundering. A total of 42 searches were conducted in the Estrie and Montréal regions and led to the arrest of 36 subjects, including a Kanestetake female resident, the alleged ring leader.

This major investigation named "Project CLÉOPÂTRE", was carried out by the members of the Aboriginal Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit.

Charges of gangsterism, drug trafficking, conspiracy for the purpose of trafficking, money laundering, possession of prohibited weapons were filed against the members of the organization. A total of 125 charges were laid against the 36 suspects.



Project Chabanel

A FIRST IN CANADA

CLOSED TO 23 TONS OF HASHISH SEIZED OFFSHORE BY THE RCMP

The RCMP conducted a one-of-a-kind police operation, seizing off the shores of Africa an impressive 22.5-ton shipment of hashish intended for the Canadian market directly from the hands of its suppliers. Three conspirators linked to a criminal organization were arrested, which led to the dismantling of an "import" cell of the Montreal-based criminal organization.

A vessel was chartered for the purposes of the operation. The vessel, escorted by the National Defence frigate HMCS Fredericton, travelled to a predetermined location approximately 200 miles off the coast of Angola in Southern Africa. At this point the drugs were transferred from the supply vessel, whose crew was primarily made up of Filipino sailors, to the RCMP vessel. The RCMP complement spent more than 43 days at sea in order to seize the 22.5 tons of hashish and thus prevent its distribution to communities in Canada. The main conspirators were charged with drug importation, conspiracy to import, possession for the purpose of trafficking and drug trafficking.



Project Concert

ORGANIZED CRIME AND CANNABIS TRAFFICKING

The police officers attached to the Aboriginal Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit arrested 26 people involved in producing, trafficking in and exporting cannabis to the United States. Operation Concert aimed at dismantling a criminal organization operating on the Kitigan Zibi Reserve, located south of Maniwaki, and in the Sainte-Lucie-des-Laurentides area.



The searches led to the seizure of thousands of cannabis plants, approximately 800 kilograms of cannabis, 21 firearms, as well as cocaine and ecstasy. The suspects face a total of 126 counts of indictment for various drug and firearms-related charges.

Project Crawler

TWELVE ALLEGED TOBACCO SMUGGLERS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED

The members of the Cornwall Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit arrested twelve individuals facing a total 115 counts of indictment for various offences, including drug trafficking and cigarette smuggling. An underground cigarette manufacturing plant was also dismantled as part of Project Crawler. Arrests were made in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, as well as the Akwesasne Territory. RCMP officers were able to apprehend the ring leaders who allegedly engaged in the smuggling of drugs from Canada to the United States.



OUR OPERATIONS

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

\$20 BILL COUNTERFEITING RING UNCOVERED

The Integrated Counterfeit Enforcement Team uncovered an underground print-shop producing counterfeit \$20 bills in Saint-Hubert. Between June and December, at least 18,000 bank notes were produced and put in circulation in Quebec and across Canada. Equipment used to produce counterfeit money as well as a large number of counterfeit bills were recovered during the searches.



COUNTERFEIT PRADA, GUCCI, VERSACE FASHION ACCESSORIES SEIZED

The RCMP in co-operation with the Canada Border Services Agency seized in Montréal over 4,600 suspected counterfeit fashion accessories in a container coming from China. Located in the container were 2,400 handbags passed off as Chanel, Gucci, Prada, Versace and Fendi, 1,800 belts identified as Dolce and Gabbana, Giorgio Armani and Versace as well as 400 empty cases bearing the logos of major watch brand names such as Rolex, Cartier and Breitling.

USED CAR DEALER ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH ODOMETERS

Some 360 charges were filed against a 35-year-old Montréal resident and his used car dealership. The RCMP investigation revealed that out of 106 vehicles sold between January 1st and August 30, 2006, 102 had their odometer rolled back an average of 100,000 kilometres, which constitutes an offence under the *Weights and Measures Act*.

Project Civil

DISMANTLING OF A TELEMARKETING FRAUD RING BY COLT

The Centre of Operations Linked to Telemarketing Fraud (COLT), led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, dismantled an international organization involved in telemarketing fraud. This organization allegedly victimized 500 persons on a weekly basis in Canada and the United States, grossing between \$8 million and \$13 million annually since 2003.



Nearly 200 police officers conducted about fifty searches, primarily in the Montréal region, targeting the boiler rooms used to make misleading telephone calls to potential victims. Western Union management also collaborated with the COLT by closing seven agent locations in Montréal that were used to transfer money generated through fraudulent telemarketing.

DISMANTLING OF A SATELLITE SIGNAL THEFT RING

The Federal Investigation Section put an end to the activities of a Montréal businessman after the Canada Border Services Agency seized decoding cards issued by an American satellite signal distributor. The individual was charged with illegally offering satellite signal distribution services to at least 300 clients.

The individual used a post office box in the United States to illegally offer to its clients the services of the American satellite signal distribution company, without the knowledge of this company which is not considered a legitimate distributor in Canada.



NATIONAL SECURITY AND BORDER INTEGRITY

AN IMPORTANT HASHISH SEIZURE IN HALIFAX LED TO ARRESTS IN MONTRÉAL

A joint investigation between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) National Port Enforcement Team and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) resulted in the seizure of 107 kilograms of hashish in Halifax and in the arrest of 5 subjects in Montréal, including the alleged mastermind of this attempt to import drugs. The drugs were concealed in a shipment of wooden furniture inside an ocean container. The shipment, coming from Morocco and destined for Montréal, had been targeted for a thorough inspection by CBSA officers as a result of information forwarded by the RCMP.



TWO IMMIGRATION OFFENDERS CHARGED

An investigation conducted by Immigration and Passport Section investigators unveiled the illegal activities of two Lebanese citizens in possession of permanent resident cards in Canada. A 39-year-old woman and a 45-year-old man allegedly forged and used false identification papers in order to obtain their Canadian citizenship. A total of 36 counts of indictment for forgery, uttering forged documents and conspiracy under the *Criminal Code* were laid against the two subjects.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

6TH PREVENTION AND SAFETY DAY

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and its partners of the *Sûreté du Québec*, *Service de police de la Ville de Châteauguay*, *Service de prévention des incendies de la Ville de Châteauguay*, Canadian Pacific Railway Police, and Canada Border Services Agency held a Prevention and Safety Day for young students in various schools on the Montréal South Shore.

OVER \$165,000 FOR SICK CHILDREN

The RCMP, through its annual Golf Classic and Spaghetti Luncheon, donated over \$165,000 to the Foundation for Research into Children's Diseases.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

PROTECTION OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

"C" Division Protective Services once again demonstrated their professionalism by providing adequate protection for a number of dignitaries while they were in Quebec as is shown by the list of Heads of State who returned to their country safely:

- Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda
- René Préval, President of Haiti
- George Bush Sr., former President of the United States
- Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan
- Charles XVI Gustave, King of Sweden
- William Jefferson Clinton, former President of the United States

Our Protective Services also ensured the security of the participants in major events held in 2006-2007 such as the Meeting of Ministers of Culture of the Organization of American States (OAS) and NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Finally, the members of our Protective Services provided protection for the Governor General of Canada and the Prime Minister of Canada while they were in Quebec.



WORKING TO SERVE YOU BETTER



A NEW DETACHMENT BUILDING IN RIMOUSKI

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police inaugurated the new Lower St. Lawrence Detachment building in Rimouski. Deputy Commissioner Pierre-Yves Bourduas and Assistant Commissioner Line Carbonneau expressed their satisfaction with the inauguration of the new building that is used by RCMP officers in the region and reaffirms our earnest commitment to maintain our presence and to even further our participation in the fight against the highest levels of organized crime at the regional, national and international levels.



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