

Airdrie, Alberta  
February 25, 2016

MY FILE: 082

Ms. Suzanne Legault  
The Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
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Dear Ms. Legault:

**Re: MISSING RECORDS COMPLAINT - RCMP FILE: A-2014-04555**

Please find attached a copy of my original ATIP request dated June 19, 2014 and the RCMP response dated February 8, 2016 that includes diskettes with 1,532 still photos and 65 videos. I also wish to thank you for your letter dated February 12, 2016 with regard to my delay complaint on this file which recorded my complaint as 'well founded'.

I wish to complain about the RCMP's completely sanitized copy of the photographic records they sent me in response to my request. The photos and videos are so devoid of anything related to what the RCMP actually did in High River, it makes me wonder why they wasted all the time, effort and manpower to take the pictures and videos at all (at least the ones they sent me).

**REVIEW OF THE 1,532 STILL PHOTOS**

1. Not one photo is included of even one home the RCMP say they forced their way into. This is so odd considering that the RCMP Public Complaints Commission's Interim Report stated the RCMP forced their way into 754 High River homes. Add to these the fact that the RCMP confirmed in a recent response to one of my many [Access to Information Act requests that they accepted damage claims from more than 2,200 High River residents costing taxpayers more than \\$2.3 million.](#) Note: This ATIP information is available on my website. Once RCMP officers started kicking in hundreds of doors in High River (without effecting even one rescue according to information they tabled in Parliament) senior officers must have understood the Force would be financially liable for the damages and also for violating the Charter right to privacy of these many hundreds of residents. Consequently, they surely would have ordered someone to photograph all the damages they caused to High River homes. Where are those photos? Ironically, the RCMP chose to include one photo of a Mountie actually knocking on a door.
2. Not one photo is included of a person being rescued or helped as they claim they did 38 times. Once again, photos of helping High River residents would be the most effective way to prove their door-kicking spree and unlawful entries and unwarranted searches were worth the effort, expense and the Charter rights violations. Either the RCMP didn't rescue or help anyone (as they reported to Parliament) or they omitted providing copies of the complete photographic record. Ironically once again, the RCMP included quite a few photos of them rescuing pets so they obviously had cameras readily available to them.
3. Not one photo is included of irate people at the road blocks even though the media provided the public with dozens of such photos during their multiple entries into 4,666 High River homes.
4. Not one photo is included of even one of the more than 600 guns seized from 112 homes. Guns they say they handled so carefully but witnesses confirm they saw guns being thrown haphazardly into dinghies. The RCMP might not have taken photos immediately if they thought the firearms were going to be destroyed. However, they certainly would have taken pictures of all the guns that they were going to return to their rightful owners in order that the damage was documented to validate future financial damage claims.
5. Not one photo is included of a crime scene, grow-ops or looters being arrested. Once again, photos of marijuana grow-ops would have been quite useful in a vain attempt to justify their forced entries and unwarranted searches of High River homes.

## REVIEW OF THE 65 VIDEOS

1. The sound is eliminated from most of videos making it impossible to determine what purpose the video was supposed to serve and what valuable information or evidence was provided to senior management for their investigation. The only significant exception are the sound recordings by RCMP officers in video MM00032 saying how the people are thanking them at the roadblocks. Including these gratuitous comments is an obvious ploy to show the RCMP in a good light but they are highly misleading because neither the residents of High River nor the RCMP officers at the roadblocks were even aware (at the time the video was made) that hundreds of doors had been kicked in, thousands of their homes searched without warrant and private property seized without warrant from more than a hundred homes.
2. Sound is included in videos MM00051 to MM00065 but they just show three RCMP officers in dry suits walking in a creek saying nothing of value to any investigation.
3. Not one video is included of a person being rescued or helped as they claim they did on 38 occasions. See my comments in note number two in the previous section on Page 1.
4. No videos are included of any doors being checked, kicked in or houses being searched.
5. No videos are included of the more than 600 guns being seized, transported or stored.
6. No videos of crime scenes, grow-ops, irate citizens at road blocks. In one video, one officer talks about confronting an 'irate person, possibly dangerous' but the RCMP neglected to include video tape of this confrontation, the events leading up to it or how it was resolved.
7. No videos are included of RCMP or anyone making a public statement at a news conference of which there must be many.
8. Video mmm22 is 1:20 minutes long and only of interest because it is four boats driving through High River filled with soldiers and Mounties (two senior RCMP officers in the lead boat). If they stopped anywhere, it was clipped out of the video. Also there is no sound so no one can tell what purpose was served by this grand tour through the flooded parts of High River or why it was so important that it had to be videotaped.
9. Finally, the RCMP failed to respond to the part of my request where I asked for: "*a complete copy of the above mentioned video that includes all the edited out sections.*" (see URL below)  
<http://bcblue.wordpress.com/2013/06/28/redford-ordered-rcmp-to-enter-and-take-high-river-residents-fire-arms/>

Everything, still photos and videos provided in this response have been thoroughly sanitized to make the RCMP look like saints and delete any evidence of their unlawful entries, unwarranted searches, seizures and violations of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Thanks for your help to obtain all the records requested.

Yours sincerely,

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Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety  
Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice & Attorney General  
Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence  
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Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on July 2, 2014, for:

*Reference is being made to this URL immediately below which is a copy of the RCMP video released to the media during the High River Flood, Forced Entries and Firearms Seizures in June of 2013. <http://bcblue.wordpress.com/2013/06/28/red-ford-ordered-rcmp-to-enter-and-take-high-river-residents-fire-arms/>*

*For the period from June 20, 2013 to July 10, 2013, please provide a copy of all camera footage taken in High River (stills photographs, cell-phone pictures, film, video and accompanying sound recordings and transcripts) in the possession of the RCMP, including a complete copy of the above mentioned video that includes all the edited out sections..*

Please note that all the information reviewed qualifies for exemption pursuant to subparagraph 16(1)(a)(ii) and 16(1)(a)(i) of the *Act*. We have, however, exercised the discretionary powers provided by the *Act* and have released some of the information. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. A description of the exemptions can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

Please be advised that you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint must be made in writing to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Crystal Holub at [Crystal.Holub@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Crystal.Holub@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 082

### Federal Government Institution:

RCMP - OTTAWA HQ, K DIVISION, SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT & HIGH RIVER  
DETACHMENT

### Details regarding the information being sought:

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Method of access preferred:  Receive copies of originals  Examine originals in government offices

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or  
 a corporation present in Canada

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Original signed by]  
Dennis R. Young

Date: June 19, 2014