

Airdrie, Alberta  
May 13, 2017

MY FILE: 145

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

**Re: INCOMPLETE RESPONSE COMPLAINT- RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2017-01608**

Please find attached a copy of my original ATIP request dated February 10, 2017 and the copy of RCMP's incomplete 13-page reply dated April 28, 2017. I wish to complain about the incomplete search conducted by the RCMP for the records I requested. It's almost as if they never read the wording of my original request.

I specifically requested copies of a variety of records and formats which might possibly include the information I was looking for; specifically, ***"... the number of "cyber-attacks" including the number of times hackers have attempted to access: (1) the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), (2) the Canadian Firearms Registry On-line (CFRO) and (3) the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) and the number of times hackers were successful in accessing information in these three computer systems and databases and/or installing viruses or malware."***

It is totally unbelievable that 25,000 Bank of Canada employees would be 'bombarded' with malware infested e-mails in just one month in November of 2015 and these three major databases (CPIC, CFRO and CFIS) controlled by the RCMP had only these two 'Clickjacking' incidents.

[http://business.financialpost.com/fp-tech-desk/hackers-bombard-the-bank-of-canada-with-cyberattacks?\\_lsa=f998-c75c](http://business.financialpost.com/fp-tech-desk/hackers-bombard-the-bank-of-canada-with-cyberattacks?_lsa=f998-c75c)

Similarly, it is impossible to believe that the RCMP Commissioner, his Executive Committee and senior officers responsible for the security of these three major databases would not have received reports, presentations, etc, etc. about the number of 'cyber-attacks' these three major databases had received. The very least they should have received is reports on how these systems are so incredibly secure from cyber-attacks that they no one even tries to get into them while every other database in the world is dealing with thwarting these attacks. See the attached links to recent articles in the news.

In 2011, I received the attached statistics from the RCMP documenting 480 'Investigated and Founded' breaches of CPIC between 1995 and 2010. And these breaches were committed by police employees trusted with access to and the security of the CPIC database. Now the RCMP would have us believe that only two attempts have ever been made to access these three systems CPIC, CFRO and CFIS by unscrupulous people trying to infiltrate these databases? It makes no sense. <http://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CPIC-Breaches-1995-2010.pdf>

In closing I leave you with the following quote I transcribed from the Global National television news broadcast last night. **BILL THOLL, PRESIDENT & CEO, HEALTHCARECAN, GLOBAL NATIONAL TV NEWS - MAY 12, 2017:** "The experts will tell you, there are only two types of hospitals them that have been hacked and them that don't know." <http://globalnews.ca/news/1148831/watch-global-national/>

Thanks for your help to find the records I requested.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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### **NATIONS RESPOND TO BIGGEST EXTORTION CYBERATTACK EVER RECORDED, NEW ATTACKS FEARED**

The cyber assault has infected tens of thousands of computers in nearly 100 countries, with Britain's health system suffering the worst disruptions.

By Jeremy Wagstaff and Eric Auchard Reuters - May 13, 2017

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3448980/biggest-extortion-cyberattack-ever-recorded-hits-dozens-of-countries/>

### **CANADIAN AGENCY BREACHED AS HACKERS EXPLOIT NEW SOFTWARE BUG**

Statistics Canada, which said it stopped the intrusion before hackers stole any data, is the first high-profile organization to say it was hacked due to a new security bug in software known as Apache Struts 2. The software is commonly used in websites of governments, banks, retailers and other large organizations. By Reuters - March 13, 2017

<http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/latestnews/2017/03/13/>

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA: CANADIAN CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE CENTRE (CCIRC)**

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrn/cbr-scrn/ccirc-ccirc-en.aspx>



Royal Canadian Gendarmerie royale  
Mounted Police du Canada

Your file Votre référence  
GA-1516-3-01608/17

Our file Notre référence  
A-2017-01608

APR 28 2017

Mr. Dennis R. YOUNG  
1330 Ravenswood Drive South East  
Airdrie, Alberta T4A 0P8

*Received  
May 9, 2017  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on February 10, 2017, to obtain:

*For the period from January 1, 2015 to present, please provide copies of records, documents, studies, reports, presentations, spreadsheets, briefings, communications, correspondence showing the number of cyber attacks including the number of times hackers have attempted to access: (1) the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), (2) the Canadian Firearms Registry On-line (CFRO) and (3) the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) and the number of times hackers were successful in accessing information in these three computer systems and databases and/or installing viruses or malware*

Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been exempted pursuant to sections 16(2), 19(1) of the *Act*, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

Please be advised that you are entitled 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 should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

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,

*[Signature]*  
*S/Sgt Kent Smith*

Insp. Richard Haye  
Access to Information and Privacy Branch  
Mailstop #61  
73 Leikin Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

Canada

## ATIPB - Re: Possible Clickjacking

**From:** DSB\_ITS  
**To:** Mace, Ryan  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 8:25 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Clickjacking

Hi Ryan,

We are looking into it.

Thanks  
 Mary

Mary Wiaz  
 IT Security Analyst  
 Information Technology Security  
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>>> On 2016/06/21 at 3:49 PM, in message <57699A5F.47B : 170 : 17821>, Ryan Mace wrote:

Good day,

On June 20, 2016 it was brought to the attention of CAO

Clickjacking

(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clickjacking>).

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Possible resolutions include

I have attached 2 files.  
 and the other to illustrate how [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca) (google-clickjack.html) has defended against this

Please keep us informed.

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## ATIPB - Fwd: Possible Clickjacking

**From:** Brenda Deugo  
**To:** Leblanc, Marc  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Possible Clickjacking  
**CC:** Côté, Sylvie; Mace, Ryan; Myelde, Kirk; Olivieri, Dario  
**Attachments:** Re: FW: follow-up To CAFC feedback; Possible Clickjacking

Marc,

Can you looking into this please. From the attached it was sent to the DSB\_ITS mailbox yesterday.

Brenda

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**From:** Kirk Myelde  
**To:** Boudreau, Paul; Deugo, Brenda  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 9:38 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Possible Clickjacking  
 Brenda/Paul

Just got this now have you see it. Your guys have it but wanted to make sure you were aware since the RCMP is being mentioned online.

Kirk

>>> Ryan Mace 6/22/2016 9:31 AM >>>  
 Kirk,

As requested, attached is:

- 1) the initial email received from the public individual
- 2) the email that was sent to DSB\_ITS informing them of the issue after I researched the topic.

Also,

If you need anything more please let me know,

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**ATIPB - Re: FW: follow-up To CAFC feedback**

**From:** Cynthia Shea  
**To:** Anderson, Stephen; Mace, Ryan  
**Date:** 2016/06/20 7:12 AM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: follow-up To CAFC feedback

Ryan,

Do you have any thoughts on this?

Stephen - I am adding you as you are now the new IPE 2.0 lead.

Cindy

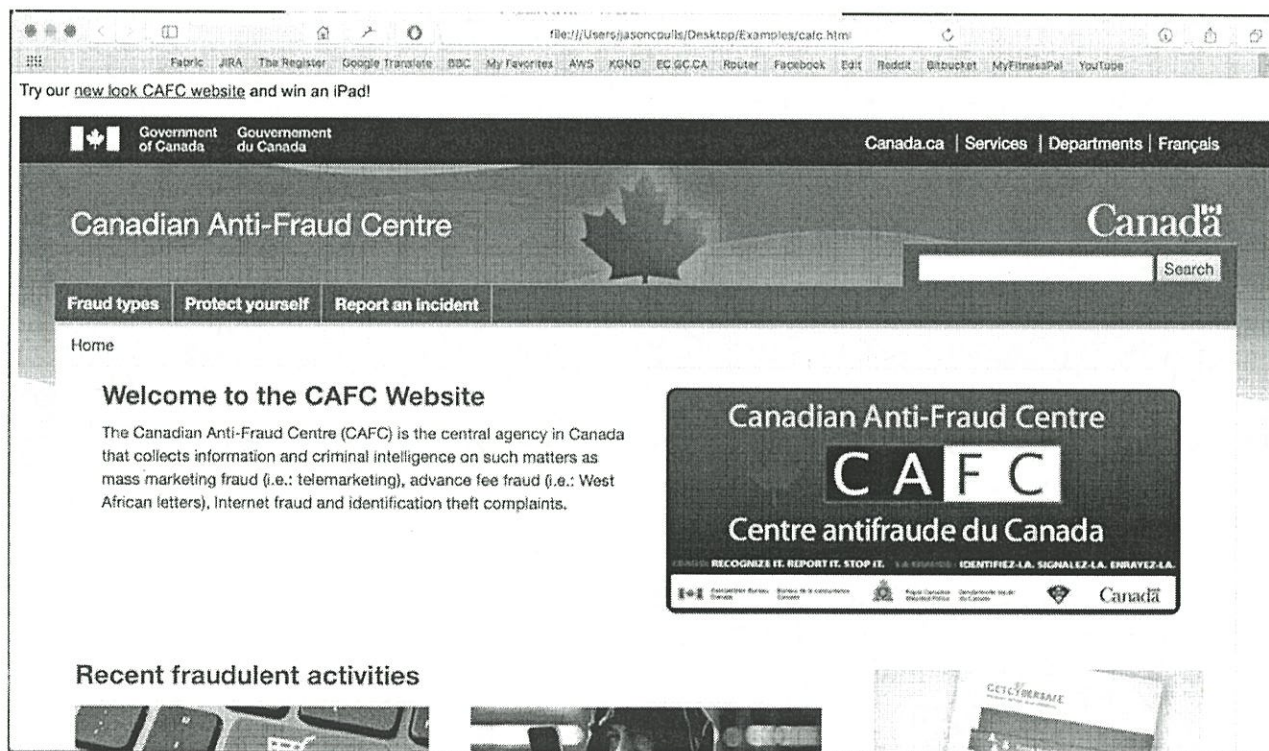
>>> "Jeff Thomson" <jthomson@antifraudcentre.ca> 17/06/2016 8:54 AM >>>

**From:**  
**Sent:** June-16-16 10:24 AM  
**To:** Jeff Thomson <jthomson@antifraudcentre.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: follow-up To CAFC feedback

Hi Jeff,

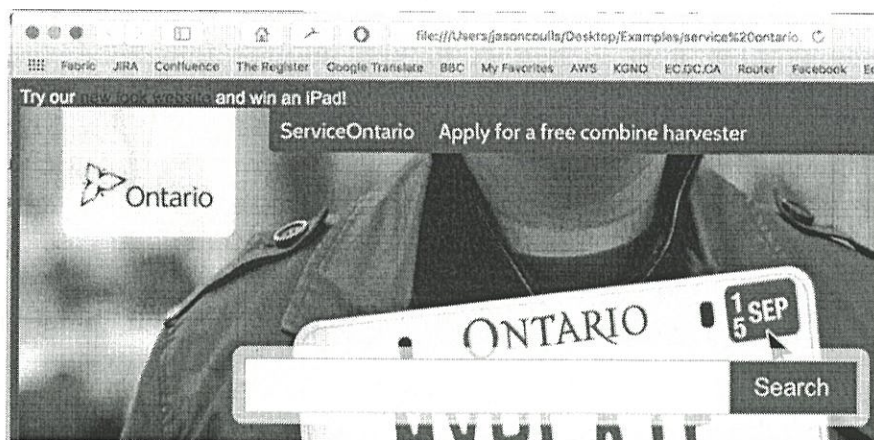
Absolutely...

Here's a screenshot showing (top left corner shows the issue).



The original issue I was going to point out before finding the issue with the CAFC site





There's an irony in that when I was going to report the original issue, I found the CAFC system suffered the same.

Now, whilst all that is a problem, there's a really massive issue undermining anything you fix (which going back up the chain of issues was the very first item I was going to raise before the CAFC); Assuming you (or another government dept) fix your own systems up

In short, it's a total mess and I'm trying to do what I believe is the right thing in raising the alarm, but couldn't even upload a screenshot through the CAFC system.

As for calling,

Cheers

On Jun 16, 2016, at 10:07 AM, Jeff Thomson <[jthomson@antifraudcentre.ca](mailto:jthomson@antifraudcentre.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jason,

Thanks very much for the feedback, I would like to discuss further is there a number you can be reached at?

Thanks again, Jeff

Jeff Thomson  
Operational Support Unit / Unité de soutien opérationnel  
Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre / Le centre antifraude du Canada  
Royal Canadian Mounted police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada  
Dir/Tl:(705) 494-3630 Fax/Tlc (705) 494-4755  
Fraud...Recognize It...Reject It...Report It

## ATIPB - Possible Clickjacking

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**From:** Ryan Mace  
**To:** DSB\_ITS  
**Date:** 2016/06/21 3:49 PM  
**Subject:** Possible Clickjacking  
**CC:** Thomas, Michael  
**Attachments:** google-clickjack.html; rcmp-clickjack.html

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## ATIPB - RE: Possible clickjacking

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**From:** "Mcevoy, John (SSC/SPC)" <john.mcevoy@canada.ca>  
**To:** Ryan Mace <Ryan.Mace@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 12:22 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Possible clickjacking  
**CC:** Kirk Myelde <Kirk.Myelde@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, Michael Thomas <Michael.Thomas...

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Hi Ryan,

Thank you for the email and I have copied our Technical Lead (Louis Leduc) on my response so that he is aware of the situation. We plan on talking to our contacts and get their perspective on the situation. Hopefully we can speak with them this afternoon and then have a discussion with RCMP after that. Would that work for you? I could set-up a call for tomorrow morning if we can talk with this afternoon.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Ryan Mace [mailto:Ryan.Mace@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** June-22-16 12:00 PM  
**To:** Mcevoy, John (SSC/SPC)  
**Cc:** Kirk Myelde; Michael Thomas  
**Subject:** Possible clickjacking

John,

I was given your name by Jeremy Arndt here at the RCMP.

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**From:** Jeremy Arndt  
**To:**  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 2:23 PM  
**Subject:** Clickjacking  
**CC:** Leblanc, Marc; Mace, Ryan  
**Attachments:** FW: Possible clickjacking

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We are already taking steps internally in our department awareness, confirmation, and further distribution.

Sharing with you for

Jeremy Arndt  
Senior Analyst - CFP Applications  
Systems Delivery and Support, IM/IT Program  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
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## ATIPB - FW: Possible clickjacking

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**From:** "Mcevoy, John (SSC/SPC)" <john.mcevoy@canada.ca>  
**To:** "Jeremy.Arndt@rcmp-grc.gc.ca" <Jeremy.Arndt@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Date:** 2016/06/22 1:28 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Possible clickjacking

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Hi Jeremy,

I hope all is well. I just wanted to make sure you were aware of this email. Can you give me a call.

Thks,

John

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**From:** Chris Power  
**To:** Mace, Ryan  
**Date:** 2016/06/23 9:19 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Possible clickjacking  
**CC:** Gordon, Jeff; Myelde, Kirk; Thomas, Michael

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Hi Ryan:

Thanks for the heads up. The guys on our tech team are aware we'll review the article and go from there.

Cheers

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>>> Ryan Mace 2016/06/22 12:06 PM >>>  
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# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 145

Federal Government Institution:

**RCMP HQ OTTAWA & CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM**

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to this article in the FINANCIAL POST - HACKERS ARE BOMBARDING THE BANK OF CANADA WITH CYBER ATTACKS AND THE CRACK IN THE BANK'S ARMOUR IS ITS EMPLOYEES - Employees at the Bank of Canada in November 2015 were bombarded with 25,000 similar, innocuous-looking emails carrying malware designed to steal banking credentials. By Claire Brownell - Last Updated: Jan 27, 2017, 11:21 AM ET  
[http://business.financialpost.com/fp-tech-desk/hackers-bombard-the-bank-of-canada-with-cyberattacks?\\_lsa=f998-c75c](http://business.financialpost.com/fp-tech-desk/hackers-bombard-the-bank-of-canada-with-cyberattacks?_lsa=f998-c75c)

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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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Cheque # 530

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

Date: February 10, 2017