



ARCS: 292-30
File: PSS-2017-74435
Your File: B.C. 001

February 8, 2018

Sent via email: dennisyoung@telus.net

Dennis Young
1330 Ravenswood Drive SE
Airdrie AB T4A 0P8

Dear Dennis Young:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Your request is for:

Regarding a quote by Minister Mike Farnworth at a news conference and reported in the media November 27, 2017 stating - Over the past three years in B.C. approximately 60 percent of the illegal firearms were sourced here in Canada: A copy of records, studies, spreadsheets, correspondence, briefing notes, reports, databases, analyses that provide the detailed statistics verifying the accuracy of the Minister's statements to the media.

Although a thorough search was conducted, no records were located in response to your request. The Ministry has advised that the supportive statistical data and associated analysis information you requested is the property of the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team, which falls under the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program. As such, you may wish to submit an access to information request to the RCMP at: <https://atip-airprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do?lang=en>.

Additionally, the Ministry advises that the *Illegal Firearms Taskforce Report* is available online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/publications-statistics-legislation/publications/gov-reports>. Page 59 of this report references the noted quote.

Your file is now closed.

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kelly Morita, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-2030. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 356-2030.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'kmorita', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kelly Morita, FOI Specialist
On behalf of Cindy Kukucska, Manager
Justice / Social Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosure

How to Request a Review with the
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387 1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS

ARCS NO. 292-30/ 292-40/

NAME OF PUBLIC BODY TO WHICH YOU ARE DIRECTING YOUR REQUEST			
Public Safety and Solicitor General			
YOUR NAME			
LAST NAME Young	FIRST NAME Dennis	MIDDLE NAME Roy	OPTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISS <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER : _____
YOUR ADDRESS			
STREET, APARTMENT NO., P.O. BOX, R.R. NO. 1330 Ravenswood Drive SE	CITY / TOWN Airdrie	PROVINCE / COUNTRY AB	POSTAL CODE T4A 0P8
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION			
DAY PHONE NO. (587) 360-1111	ALTERNATE PHONE NO. ()	E-MAIL ADDRESS dennisyoung@telus.net	
DETAILS OF REQUESTED INFORMATION			
INFORMATION REQUESTED (PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RECORDS YOU ARE REQUESTING. BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, AS THIS WILL ASSIST THE REQUEST PROCESS. ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF THE SPACE BELOW IS NOT SUFFICIENT.)			PLEASE SPECIFY ANY REFERENCE OR FILE NUMBER(S), IF KNOWN <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> My File: B.C. 001 </div>
<p>Reference is being made to quotes by Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth at a news conference and reported in the media coverage attached stating: "Over the past three years in B.C. approximately 60 percent of the illegal firearms were sourced here in Canada."</p> <p>Please provide copies of records, studies, spreadsheets, correspondence, briefing notes, reports, data bases, analyses that provide the detailed statistics verifying the accuracy of the Minister's statements to the media.</p>			
ARE YOU REQUESTING ACCESS TO ANOTHER PERSON'S PERSONAL INFORMATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (IF SO, PLEASE ATTACH, AS APPROPRIATE: a) THAT PERSON'S SIGNED CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE, OR b) PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO ACT ON THAT PERSON'S BEHALF.)			
PREFERRED METHOD OF ACCESS TO RECORDS <input type="checkbox"/> EXAMINE ORIGINAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECEIVE COPY	YOUR SIGNATURE <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> [Original signed by Dennis R. Young] </div>		DATE SIGNED (YYYY MMM DD) <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> 2017 Dec 7 </div>
FOR PUBLIC BODY USE ONLY			
REQUEST NO.	REQUEST CATEGORY <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESS TO GENERAL INFORMATION (ARCS 292-30/) <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION (ARCS 292-40/)		
REQUEST CODE	DATE RECEIVED (YYYY MMM DD)	NAME OF PUBLIC BODY RECEIVING REQUEST	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YOU MAY MAKE A REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS WITHOUT USING THIS FORM, PROVIDED YOU DO SO IN WRITING. BIRTHDATE AND CORRECTIONS SERVICE NO. ARE REQUIRED TO VERIFY THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE INFORMATION PERSONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS FORM IS COLLECTED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT AND WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO YOUR REQUEST. 			

B.C. PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER' QUOTES

BULK OF ILLEGAL GUNS SEIZED IN B.C. FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES: STUDY

Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth said Monday police data indicates almost 60 per cent of the guns seized in B.C. were purchased, traded or stolen in Canada. He said most people might think illegal weapons come from the United States or other countries, but it is common for weapons purchased legally in the country to end up in the hands of criminal gangs. "Domestically sourced illegal firearms in Canada are now a significant factor in illegal firearms trade," said Farnworth at a news conference. "Individuals with no criminal record and with a firearms licence could legally acquire firearms and divert them to the criminal market." By DIRK MEISSNER - THE CANADIAN PRESS - NOVEMBER 27, 2017

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bulk-of-illegal-guns-seized-in-bc-from-domestic-sources-study/article37103062/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/illegal-firearms-task-force-bc-1.4422565>

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/canada/bulk-of-illegal-guns-in-bc-from-domestic-supply-province-tackles-trafficking-460349643.html>

ILLEGAL GUNS REPORT RECOMMENDS GOING AFTER GANGSTERS' ABILITY TO

DRIVE - BC's Solicitor General Mike Farnworth says he is willing to implement the recommendations to go after gangsters involved in gun crime including targeting their cars and ability to drive. Farnworth adds illegal weapons coming from within Canada, and not from across the border, is a growing problem. "Over the past three years in BC approximately 60% of illegal firearms were sourced here in Canada. Domestically sourced illegal firearms are now a significant factor in the illegal firearms trade."

610 AM RADIO - Kamloops - November 27, 2017

<http://www.radionl.com/2017/11/27/illegal-guns-report-recommends-going-after-gangsters-ability-to-drive/>