

HIGH RIVER GUN OWNER'S FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT

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Subject: HR Gun Grab

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Thank you for contacting Dennis R Young!
Below is a copy of your request sent.

Message Body:

Hello Dennis,

I just finished reading your submission to the UN Human Rights Commission regarding the High River Gun Grab. Up to now I thought that this topic was all but dead and buried but I'm delighted to see that there are still people like you who are fighting for our rights as citizens.

As a resident of High River, my wife and I were affected by the flood of 2013 and I was one of the individuals who had some of my guns secured by the RCMP. I was called to do an interview with the complaints commission and attended that interview at the Ramada Inn in High River. I'd like to tell you about my interview.

First, I was greeted by a gentleman who's name I don't recall but he said that he was a retired RCMP member, he was very cordial and polite and asked questions and then listened carefully to my answers. The interview was also recorded. I related to him how my house was broken into and how a secured box that had a cable lock on it was opened with bolt cutters. Two trigger locked handguns were found inside and taken back to the detachment. This box that I mention was not a gun safe as per say but never the less met the letter of the law for safe and legal storage of restricted firearms at the time and there was no good reason for it to be broken into. In the report published by the commission, it was mentioned that no safes were broken into. While this is technically correct, there is no requirement for your storage container to have 'gun safe' written all over it and is therefore not entirely truthful. I think this a bit of a grey area in the storage requirement set forth by the RCMP and was exploited to their advantage.

When the interview was nearing the end, the interviewer suddenly asked me how many guns I owned, I just shrugged my shoulders and said that I wasn't sure. Suddenly Mr cordial and polite turned into Mr Gestapo and very forcefully asked again, "no, how many?" Again I said that I wasn't sure and he rapid fired the next question, "What, a dozen, two dozen, how many?" to which I replied something along the lines of yeah, maybe half a dozen. This was a lie on my part and I think he knew it but didn't pursue the question any further. I ended the interview at that time and left.

So my take on the complaints commission inquiry is this. Some of the facts such as the gun safe issue were not reported accurately. In my opinion, the RCMP were also attempting to use the commission to gather information about how many guns people own. In my opinion, the entire complaints commission report is a complete farce as a non-bias report cannot possibly be conducted about the RCMP by retired officers. I don't think that this is unusual though because I have read that other inquiries into RCMP matters have been performed by ex-members, sort of like the fox guarding the hen house.

Any way, this was my experience and I just thought that I'd pass it along for what it is worth.
Keep up the good work Dennis and thanks!

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