



ALL THE THINGS THE RCMP DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT 'CRIME GUNS'

RCMP tells Office of the Information Commissioner they searched everywhere and still can't find any records.

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MARCH 13, 2016 – RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2016-02502 FILED WITH THE RCMP HQ ASKING:

For the period from January 1, 2015, please provide copies of documents, records, reports, presentations, briefing notes, advice to the Minister, Question Period Notes, evaluations, submissions, affidavits, analyses, spreadsheets that would show:

- (1) the numbers and types of guns used in crime;*
- (2) where the crime guns came from;*
- (3) the number of persons charged with providing the crime guns to persons charged with the crime;*
- (4) the number of crime guns that were registered and unregistered;*
- (5) the number of licensed gun owners that were charged with the crime committed with the crime gun or for providing the crime gun to the perpetrator;*
- (6) the number of licensed gun owners that were charged with 'careless storage' of their firearm after having their firearm stolen from them; and*
- (7) the number of crime guns that were located and identified using the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS).*

APRIL 19, 2016 – RCMP ATIP RESPONSE: *"Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in our holdings. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request. The RCMP Canadian Firearms Program does not collect information on guns used in or related to crime."*

MAY 14, 2016 – FILED COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/04/15/rcmp-keeping-crime-gun-stats-secret-two-years/>

EXCERPT: *First of all, I asked for records from the RCMP – NOT just the Canadian Firearms Program. Secondly, in just a few hours I compiled the attached links to records with quotes about "crime guns" and "firearms used in crime" from the RCMP's own website, from other police forces in Canada, from news stories and from research papers.*

The RCMP's own website provides a definition for the crime gun records I requested:

*The term **crime guns** refers (sic) to any firearm that is illegally possessed, used in a crime or suspected to have been used in a crime, or has an obliterated serial number.*

The RCMP's mandate as documented in past Performance Reports states:

*Provide independent policy advice to the Minister of Public Safety on firearms and crime, and support research on such areas as the relationship between **crime guns**, street gangs, youth and organized crime.* [Emphasis added]

JANUARY 14, 2020 – THE RCMP PROVIDED THE OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER WITH THE LIST OF PLACES THEY HAD SEARCHED FOR THE RECORDS I REQUESTED ON 'CRIME GUNS' AND STILL CAME UP EMPTY:

- Contract and Aboriginal Policing (CAP)
- Federal Policing,
- Forensic Science and Identification Service (FS&IS),
- Canadian Firearms Program (CFP)
- Canadian Police Information Computer (CPIC)

- Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms (ICCUF)
- Firearms and Investigative Services Directorate (FIESD)
- Federal and International Operations (Drugs and Organized Crime)
- FCCC Domestic
- Co-ordination Centre
- Aboriginal Policing Services
- Technical Operations
- Specialized Policing Services (which oversee CFP)
- Border Integrity
- Contract and Indigenous Policing (CIP)
- Federal Crime Enforcement

AFTER ALMOST 3 YEARS WHAT THE RCMP STILL DOESN'T KNOW

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