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Heightened Threat Assessment – Contingency Plan Protective Services

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OBJECTIVE:

To examine and consider heightened security concerns resulting from public reaction to the 2013 Provincial Government Budget and associated reductions to public spending. To further implement additional security protocols for the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador and any other elected Government Official deemed necessary through the intelligence process and threat assessments.

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OVERVIEW AND THREAT ASSESSMENT

On March 26, 2013, the Honourable Jerome Kennedy, Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board, tabled the 2013 budget. In this budget, the government set out a 10-year Sustainability Plan to return the province to a balanced budget by 2015-16, and to reduce net debt per capita to the all-province average within 10 years, while protecting vital services. The plan factors in changes in oil revenues as well as spending cuts, which include public sector work force reductions this year.



Since the March 26 announcement there has been significant public attention and scrutiny to the various reductions in departmental funding and actual job positions, more specifically on the layoffs of in excess of one thousand persons. The resulting negative public reaction has been significant, and while being expectedly propelled by traditional media outlets, the proliferation via social media applications has been considerable and cause for safety and security concern.

Platforms such as Twitter and Facebook have provided a medium for individuals to voice legitimate concern, and for others to spread messages of hate, ignorance, and some that border on criminal threats. Such messages are disconcerting within themselves; however, perhaps a broader point of concern is the potential impact the stream of commentary may have on inciting persons who – as a result of the aforementioned reductions - may be emotionally unstable or in state of personal despair.

The various groups that have been established on social media sites, such as the Facebook site "Dunderdale Must GO!", have clearly seen the effect of Herd Mentality; a process whereby individuals become influenced by the trends and behaviors of their peers, whether or not such behavior is founded on factual knowledge. The process can of course unfold at increasingly rapid speeds due to the nature and accessibility of social media. This simply results in a broader and larger group being influenced by the negative sentiments, thereby increasing the likelihood of inciting a capable individual to carry out an act of targeted violence.

One of the first Facebook "Anti-Dunderdale" sites that were created, also titled "Dunderdale Must Go", attracted over 1200 members within only a few days. Although no specific threats were identified, unsubstantiated reports of comments such as one suggesting a bullet be put in the Premier's head were conveyed to Protective Services. These comments were likely removed and the



exact wording or context is not known. As of 2013-04-05 the site was changed from an openly accessible status to "secret" status. There is some indication on the more recently created group that the original was taken down or removed. The more recently created (2013-04-04) site has quickly established almost 1200 members as of 2013-06-07.

Other concerns have been brought to the attention of Protective Services from staff within the Office of the Premier, and albeit they are widely anecdotal vs specific examples, they are derived from communications personnel inside various Government departments who have been bombarded and seemingly overwhelmed by constant negative comments being received through various media forms about the budgetary reductions. Such media forms include but are not limited to social media, online news outlets and their associated comment forums, local talk radio shows, newspaper and associated opinion articles.

While specific threats or identifiable persons of interest will continue to be investigated in collaboration with the Criminal Intelligence Unit or Major Crime Unit, there is a general sense of heightened security concern stemming from the 2013 Budget announcement. I am recommending that additional security measures be implemented for the foreseeable future or until heightened concerns subside.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The vast majority of comments are directed at Premier Dunderdale who will therefore be the primary focus of any increase in security measures at this time.

Close Protection:

Members of Protective Services currently provide full time close protection duties to the Premier; however, there is regular occasion where the Premier chooses to



move in local public settings without being accompanied by a police officer. Recommendations will be made to the Premier and staff that she gives consideration to more consistent coverage by members of Protective Services during periods of heightened threat assessment. If the Premier is receptive, this could result in increased hours of work for current members assigned these duties. Should the extra security measures progress beyond two weeks then hours of work will be closely evaluated and recommendations can be made relating to the temporary assignment of additional personnel to Protective Services.

Premier's Residence:

This portion vetted as it reveals investigative techniques



The Premier is currently out of the province on travel and returns on 2013-04-09 at which time these recommendations should be implemented in full.

Cabinet Security

Although the primary focus of recent higher levels of Government resentment is indeed focused on the Office of the Premier, there are still heightened concerns for the various Cabinet Ministers who naturally play a role in budgetary decisions; more specifically in this case, decisions related to any reduction in spending and employment positions within their respective departments.

As a result, I have forwarded communication to Ministers executive assistants briefing them on these concerns and have requested they forward to my attention any information or permissible communication that they may deem threatening or concerning; and further that they be cognizant of heightened concerns, and contact Protective Services to discuss assistance or police presence for events or locations where threat levels may be considered higher than normal.

Criminal Intelligence – Threat Assessment

Cst Paul Roche has been assigned the task of assisting Protective Services with closely monitoring media, social media, open source information, human source information and anonymous tips as part of an Intelligence Led threat assessment that will remain ongoing during this operation. The intelligence process will be applied to information related to specific persons of interest, groups of interest, demonstrations and any other matter that may be cause for security concern. Members assigned to assist this operation will be regularly updated on any changes or additions to the threat assessment.



FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

There will be some additional costs associated with implementing the above recommendations, however, I believe these measures are of the utmost priority and can be applied in a cost efficient manner through use of technology to minimize personnel requirements, while also utilizing the assistance of Patrol Services.

Overtime expenditures can be anticipated from Patrol Services in situations where they are unable to meet minimum personnel requirements for emergency response. Some overtime costs can also be expected should members of Protective Services (permanent or temporary) be required for additional hours beyond what is currently scheduled.

Additional equipment needed by Technical Services should be limited given the existing system only requires upgrading to accommodate wireless transmission capabilities. Furthermore, a rental van will be required for the duration of these measures to accommodate the posted patrol member.

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**Protective Detail
Persons of Interest**

Criminal Intelligence Unit
Persons of Interest – Protective Detail

Updated: 2011-August

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Subject of Interest

(CIU File 2011-031i)

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

Current Location: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution: *****

Mental Instability

Vehicles: *****

Overview: *****

***** has been contacting the Office of the Premier and Office of Public Prosecutions and expressing ***** anger around some legal dealings with *****. ***** has made reference to Premier Dunderdale in some of ***** messages stating that god will deal with her. ***** is believed to be diagnosed bi-polar *****.

Subject of Interest

(CIU File 2011-031h)

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

Current Location: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution: *****

Violent

Vehicles: *****

Overview: *****

***** has had ***** children removed from ***** custody by CYFS and has confronted Premier Dunderdale while in public in an effort to address this issue. In addition, ***** regularly contacts the Premier's staff and becomes irate and irrational about ***** problems.



Subject of Interest

(CIU File 2011-031g)

Name:

PHOTO

DOB:

Current Location:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

**Violent
Weapons
Mental Instability**

Vehicles:

Overview:

***** has been investigated by both the RNC and RCMP on several occasions, for issues involving driving, weapons and mental instability. ***** has attended political events where ***** has caused a disturbance and has been vocal around his opposition to the way the Provincial Government is operated. ***** is known to push the limits when dealing with police and on one occasion ***** took a shooters stance and pointed a hand drill at an officer.

Subject of Interest

(CIU File 2011-031f)

Name:

PHOTO

DOB:

Current Location:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

VIOLENCE

Vehicles:

Overview:

***** has been investigated by the CIU on several occasions for causing a disturbance at various political events, including those attended by Federal and Provincial leaders. ***** has been investigated by the RNC for uttering threats towards staff at Confederation Building, where ***** referenced being "done wrong" by Human Resources and stating that "five women up on the hill will pay". ***** is known to Premier Dunderdale's staff as ***** has been confrontational with them in the past. *****



Subject of Interest

(CIU File 2011-031e)

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

Current Location: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution: *****

**VIOLENT
WEAPONS
MENTAL INSTABILITY**

Vehicles: *****

Overview:
***** normally resides in *****, but is currently remanded in the Forensic Ward of the Waterford Hospital. On ***** was arrested in ***** after ***** had uttered death threats towards Premier Kathy Dunderdale and other government officials. ***** was subsequently sent to St John's to undergo a psychiatric assessment and has since been deemed unfit to stand trial.

Subject of Interest

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

Current Location: *****

Hgt: ---cm Wgt: ---kg

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution: *****

Vehicles: None Registered

Overview:
***** has sent numerous hand-written letters to Premier Dunderdale, including one that was hand delivered to her private home in 2011. ***** has also been observed in the Premier's private events. No threats have ever been made by ***** who has only vented some frustrations and has requested "help" with employment. (CIU File 2011-031b)



Subject of Interest

Name: *****
DOB: *****
Current Location: *****
Hgt: ---cm Wgt: ---kg
Eye: ***** Hair: *****
Caution: *****

PHOTO

Vehicles: *****

Overview:
***** has taken issue with CYFS and the removal of ***** children from ***** care. ***** has confronted former Premier Danny WILLIAMS while in public. ***** has also vented frustration with the Minister of CYFS. No threats have been made by ***** (CIU File 2010-085)

Subject of Interest

Name: *****
DOB: *****
Current Location: *****
Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****
Eye: ***** Hair: *****
Caution: *****

PHOTO

**VIOLENT
MENTAL INSTABILITY**

Vehicles: *****

Overview:
***** has contacted Premier Dunderdale's office on several occasions demanding to speak and meet with the Premier regarding ***** addiction issues. ***** has a criminal record for violent offences and uttering threats. (CIU File 2011-031a)



Subject of Interest: *****

Name: *****

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ---cm **Wgt:** ---kg

Eye: ***** **Hair:** *****

Caution:

PHOTO

Vehicles:

Overview:
***** is planning a demonstration outside the Convention Centre during the PC Leadership Convention (2011). ***** is advocating for Government intervention on issues surrounding *****, followers appear to be cyclic with little consistency aside from *****. There is no history of violence by this group, nor has ***** made any threats.

Subject of Interest

Name: *****

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ***** **Wgt:** *****

Eye: ***** **Hair:** *****

Caution:

PHOTO

Vehicles:

Overview:
***** was investigated by the CIU after ***** contacted the NL Health Line to vent frustration with the Health Care system. ***** threatened to cause bodily harm to former Premier Danny WILLIAMS and Yvonne JONES. No charges were laid in the matter. (CIU File 2004-11n) *****



Subject of Interest

Name: *****

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution:

**POLICE HATER
VIOLENT
MENTAL INSTABILITY
SUICIDAL**

Vehicles:

**PHOTO
Subject Deceased**

Overview:

***** has an extensive history with police. He is Described as being frustrated with the government. ***** blames the Provincial Government and its departments for ***** inability to lead a successful life. In ***** of 2005, ***** entered the Department of Innovation Trade and Rural Development and stated that he wanted to put a bullet in someone's head. The CIU last investigated ***** during spring 2009 for threats towards the Premier.

Subject of Interest

Name: *****

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: ---kg

Eye: --- Hair: ---

Caution:

MENTAL INSTABILITY

Vehicles:

PHOTO

Overview:

***** is described as paranoid, often speaking about government conspiracies. ***** is diagnosed Bi-Polar. ***** contacted the Better Business Bureau, accusing the premier and his office of "targeting ***** with unfair treatment." He left a message at BBB stating, "Whatever Danny Williams has he is going to lose it."



Subject of InterestName:

PHOTO

DOB: LK Address: Hgt: Wgt: Eye: Hair: Caution: **MENTAL INSTABILITY
VIOLENT**Vehicles: Overview:

***** suffers from mental illness and has a history of harassing former Premier Williams, including an arrest for ***** in *****. ***** has in the past been detained under the Mental Health Act and was involuntarily admitted to the Waterford Hospital in ***** (CIU File 2004-011G)

Subject of InterestName:

PHOTO

DOB: LK Address: Hgt: Wgt: Eye: Hair: Caution: **MENTAL INSTABILITY
VIOLENT
WEAPONS**Vehicles: Overview:

***** is a diagnosed Paranoid schizophrenic, ***** sent threatening mail to the office of the premier in March of 2004. ***** made reference to an assault committed against the premier's son, *****. ***** has stated that he would like to meet up with the Premier and his son and that there would be two broken noses. NOTE: Three firearms and a bayonet seized from *****'s home in relation to a ***** incident stemming from ***** New Brunswick. (CIU File 2004-011b)



Subject of Interest

Name:

PHOTO

DOB:

LK Address:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

**MENTAL INSTABILITY
VIOLENT
POLICE HATER**

Vehicles:

Overview:

***** has been investigated on several occasions throughout 2009 for matters concerning mental instability, violence and threats. ***** has expressed a desire to shoot police and a general dislike for Government officials and policies. (CIU File 2004-011)

Subject of Interest

Name:

PHOTO

Ongoing intelligence files exist in Ontario and New Brunswick. ***** has also been known to reside in New Hampshire, USA.

DOB:

LK Address:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

**MENTAL INSTABILITY
ARMED and DANGEROUS
VIOLENT
POLICE HATER**

Vehicles:

Overview:

In 2007 CIU investigated ***** known for sending slanderous emails to the Premier's office as well as members of parliament, members of the house of assembly, St. John's city Councilors and various media outlets. ***** describes ***** as a social activist. ***** has Failed on several occasions to have ***** elected as an independent candidate in the province of ***** (CIU File 2004-011g)



Subject of Interest

Name:

PHOTO

DOB:

LK Address:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

**MENTAL INSTABILITY
VIOLENT
ARSONIST**

Vehicles:

Overview:

Well known to police as an arsonist. In May 2006, ***** from his prison cell in Dorchester wrote a threatening letter to Justice Minister Tom Marshall. The letter stated his intent to set Minister Marshall's, Premier Williams' and former RNC chief of Police Richard Deering's home(s) on fire with their children in them. ***** was recently released from prison without completing any rehab programs. He is residing in Pleasantville CCC and is at high risk to reoffend.

Subject of Interest

Name:

PHOTO

DOB:

LK Address:

Hgt:

Wgt:

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

MENTAL INSTABILITY

Vehicles:

Overview:

In 2008 CIU investigated ***** after allegations that ***** had made threats towards former Premier Williams through Danny Williams Jr's Facebook site. Subsequent to an investigation it was determined that ***** did not make any threats towards the Premier, but rather made slanderous comments and voiced general displeasure, especially regarding the Premiers alleged treatment of persons with disabilities. (RNC CIU File# 2004-011j)



Subject of Interest

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution:

**MENTAL INSTABILITY
VIOLENT
WEAPONS**

Vehicles:

Overview:

In ***** was unlawfully in former Premier Williams' home. ***** entered and stayed in the Premier's residence for approximately 25 minutes making threatening comments to the Premier's wife and an employee of Williams'. During this episode ***** commented that he always carries weapons and has killed people.

Subject of Interest

Name: *****

PHOTO

DOB: *****

LK Address: *****

Hgt: ***** Wgt: *****

Eye: ***** Hair: *****

Caution:

MENTAL INSTABILITY

Vehicles:

Overview:

In 2005, it was reported that ***** was mentally unstable and spoke of conspiracy theories involving former Premier Williams. A friend of ***** reported ***** bizarre behavior to police because he/she believed that ***** could potentially act out against the former Premier.



Subject of Interest

PHOTO
OUTDATED PHOTO - MRD 1997

Name:

DOB:

L.K. Address:

Hgt:

---cm

Wgt:

---kg

Eye:

Hair:

Caution:

MENTAL INSTABILITY

Vehicles:

Overview:

In February of 2006, *****, who was attempting to contact the former Premier Williams by telephone, became frustrated and attended the former Premier's private residence. Described as having a serious gambling addiction, being very depressed and lonely. ***** had hoped that the premier could solve his personal problems.

Subject of Interest

Name:

PHOTO

In 2008 ***** travelled from Vancouver to St John's to protest at a visit by Prime Minister Harper. The CIU utilized UC tactics and determined the protest and threat was very low. xxxxxx protest was later disrupted.

Overview:

In March of 2006 former Premier Williams received a threatening letter originating from San Diego, California, USA. The letter warned officials, who allow the seal hunt to take place, to watch their backs, look under their cars, and watch their houses and family. The letter stated that if the seal hunt is allowed the officials will be hunted down as well.

Any individuals protesting or making reference to the seal hunt in a negative manner are cause for concern and should be monitored closely.

