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Good afternoon,

The afternoon roll up for Monday, April 13, 2015, is below and attached.

Brian

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RNC chief orders investigation into leaked email

Summary: This remains in the news. RNC Chief Bill Janes has ordered an internal investigation into the leak of an email written by the officer who shot Don Dunphy last week inside the man's home in Mitchells Brook. Various local media published a copy of the letter, which the officer addressed to all RNC staff on Friday. It expresses no regret but the officer said he wishes some other kind of earlier intervention had been possible. The officer, whom media is not naming, detailed his feelings on the incident. Chief Janes said that he did not authorize the leak of the email. "As soon as we saw the email, our professional standards section immediately opened an investigation into the source of the email and if it had been released by one of our staff to the media," Janes said. "Step No. 1 is to try to find the source, and we have three investigators on that." The police chief would not talk about the content of the email, because the shooting death of Dunphy is still the subject of an RCMP investigation. Chief Janes said in addition to the possible breach of the RNC Act, releasing the email could be a breach of the staff's oath of confidentiality which all RNC employees take. According to the Act, consequences for a violation could include dismissal, reduction in rank, suspension without pay for up to six months or a reprimand. Meanwhile, Erin Breen, the lawyer representing the Dunphy family, said whoever leaked the email showed disrespect by doing so. "Right now, we don't know for certain what interviews are left to be conducted, what information is coming into police," Breen said. The family learned of the leaked letter on the day of Dunphy's funeral, said Breen, adding they are trying to come to grips that someone chose to leak it. "It was a traumatic day for his daughter and then to have to deal with another release of information from the police to read that on that day was really devastating for her," she said in an interview with CBC News. Breen said Janes is right to launch an internal investigation, noting employees with the RNC have a duty not to leak information that pertains to the investigation. "If that came from an officer of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, if it was an officer who leaked that email, then that is actually conduct that is regulated under the act and under the regulations and is an offence under the act to give out that type of information to the press." Some people who have been outraged by Dunphy's death have called for a judicial inquiry. However, Breen said the Dunphy family is waiting for the RNC's investigation to be complete before deciding what to do next.