

This is the Affidavit of Cpl. Karen Best
made on February 26 2021

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MONEY LAUNDERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Honourable Mr. Austin F. Cullen, Commissioner

AFFIDAVIT OF CPL. KAREN BEST

I, KAREN BEST, Corporal, with an address for service of 900 - 840 Howe Street
Vancouver, B.C., AFFIRM THAT:

1. I am an officer with the RCMP, Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) –
Financial Integrity/Sensitive Investigations Unit, and as such, have personal
knowledge of the facts and matters deposed to in this affidavit, save and except
where based on information and belief, and where so stated, I believe it to be true.
2. The PRIME occurrence report, which documents a 2017 e-mail to Mike McTavish
notifying him of the outcome of my investigation on the CURTIS file, is attached to this
affidavit as **Exhibit A**. [CAN001757]

AFFIRMED before me at the Village of Shawnigan Lake, in the Province of British Columbia,
this 26th day of February 2021



A Commissioner for taking Affidavits
within British Columbia

Cpl. D. GRIEVE
Personal
Information



Karen Best

Karen Best, Cpl.
"E" Division
Federal Serious and Organized Crime
Group - Victoria

E DIV (VIR) RCMP
NARRATIVE TEXT HARDCOPY

GO# 5001 2013-215

Narrative: OCCURRENCE REPORT - 10

FICOM Notified

Author: **Person** BEST, KAREN

Related date: Friday, 2017-Mar-17 at: 14:18

Related event: GO 50012013215

On March 17, 2017, Cpl. BEST notified FICOM that FSOC Group 3 was concluding the investigation. An email message was sent to Michael McTavish of FICOM:

Hello Mike,

I wanted to give you a final update on the RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime investigation (File #2013-215) regarding the activities of Grant CURTIS.

FSOC conducted an investigation probe with hopes of having the matter elevated to Project status.

Unfortunately, the Commercial Crime Section did not have a capacity to taken on the Project. The Commercial Crime section in Victoria was merged with other Federal Sections on the Island which resulted in a shift in investigational priorities.

However, a detailed report was completed based on the information FICOM supplied and additional information that was yielded during the course of the RCMP Investigation. This report was forwarded to FSOC's Financial Integrity Section at "E" Division Head Quarters in Green Timbers. They assigned a review of the report to Civilian Member Lynne Murphy for analysis. She is very much aware of Grant Curtis and is eager to glean what she can from the investigation. When CM Murphy is finished her analysis, Financial Integrity Section will likely document this on their file (which is currently closed), 5000-2012-7310.

From my end, FSOC File 2013-215 has been concluded.

Thank you for all your assistance in the investigation. I look forward to the opportunity to work with FICOM in the future.

Karen

Michael McTAVISH thanked Cpl. BEST for the update.

Cpl. Karen BEST

Person

FSOC Group 3 Victoria

This is Exhibit A Referred to in
the Affidavit of Cpl. Karen Best
sworn before me this 26 day of February 2021


A Commissioner/Notary Public, Provincial Court Judge
In and for the marking Affidavits for British Columbia

*** END OF HARDCOPY ***

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