

## Case SCENARIO

- Complaint received from a concerned citizen (Mr. R) – reported a money laundering / car exporting operation at a business in Richmond. The complainant had already contacted David EBY's office.
- Interview revealed:
  - o Complainant, (Mr. R) has been operating a R2 (PII) recycling business for the past 5 years in R2 (PII)
  - o Six months in a male, later identified as R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence approached him claiming to be a broker asking questions about the viability and profitability of opening such a business
  - o A month later R2 (PII) contacted the complainant and liked what he saw so decided to open a R2 (PII) recycling business across the street
  - o R2 (PII) and another male (ID u/k) offered to buy the complainant's business. R2 (PII) informed the complainant his "main" business was exporting of cars.
  - o The complainant visited R2 (PII)'s business on several occasions and noted 20 to 30 new high end luxury vehicles (BMW, Porsche, Mercedes being loaded into containers)
  - o An ex-employee of the business, informed the complainant that while employed by R2 (PII) he was asked to be a straw buyer for his business.
  - o The complainant believes the business is being partially subsidized by PST rebates
  - o R2 (PII) is using his export business to subsidize his R2 (PII) recycling business and the complainant can no longer compete.
  - o There was some discussion that half of R2 (PII)'s business was purchased by a Chinese National living in China and seeking entry into Canada.
  - o The vehicles are in the west end of the parking lot at the business
  - o The complainant stated "they were shipping daily".

Surveillance by ICBC confirmed the vehicles were in fact being stored at the lot.

Findings to date:

The business is located at R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence, B.C. in a warehouse complex. The owners of the warehouse complex are not believed to be involved in Mr. R's business or export activities.

- The name of the business operating at R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence is R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence B.C.
- Better Business Bureau check indicates R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence is an Exporter and Supply company with a contact number of R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence
- Shipping History indicates 105 outgoing shipments and 4 incoming shipments.

- Mr. R2 (PII) owns a 2017 Mercedes GLS45.

R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence

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which is a BC

Firm #FM R2 (PII) (sole proprietor).

R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence

- o R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence B.C. with R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence purchased 2011 for \$1,500,000.
- o R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence, B.C. with R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence purchased in 2006 for \$327,906.
- o R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence, B.C. with R2 (PII) Ongoing investigations/active intelligence purchased 2008 for \$377,300.

- It is unknown what role Mr. R2 (PII) plays, if any, in this scenario.

## ISSUES

- Licensing – Dealerships, purchasing/selling vehicles
- Exporting/Importing Vehicles
- Vehicle registration when purchased in another province