

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner

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OPCC CONCLUDES POLICE SHOOTING

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner today announced that it has concluded its file regarding members of the Vancouver Police Department and the fatal police shooting of Mr. Eugene Knight on the night of September 18, 2009.

Members of the Vancouver Police Department had responded to a family domestic dispute at #102 – 2572 Birch Street and upon arriving at the residence, members were confronted by Mr. Eugene Knight holding a knife to his wife's throat. A Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser) was deployed however it was ineffective. Mr. Knight was then shot by Vancouver Police members and he succumbed to his injuries.

An External Investigation was ordered by the OPCC and the Port Moody Police Department was assigned to conduct the Police Act investigation. The criminal investigation was conducted by the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT).

After having reviewed the investigations conducted by IHIT and the Port Moody Police Department's Professional Standards Section, the Police Complaint Commissioner is of the opinion that the investigations were sufficiently thorough. While this incident was a tragic event for all involved, the Police Complaint Commissioner is satisfied, based on the evidence, that Inspector Steve Eely, as Discipline Authority, appropriately determined that there was no evidence of misconduct with regards to the Vancouver police members. The OPCC has concluded this matter and will take no further action.

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