



Office of the
Police Complaint Commissioner

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Re: Police Shooting Death of Paul Boyd

Victoria – Today, a number of media outlets including the Vancouver Sun, the Province, and the Times Colonist have run stories involving false and misleading comments attributed to the Deputy Police Complaint Commissioner Rollie Woods. One columnist relying on the information wrote his column accusing the Police Complaint Commissioner of cronyism. The following comments were printed in the context of the most recent discovery of video tape of the police shooting death of Paul Boyd.

On Monday, deputy police complaints commissioner Rollie Woods said there had been a lengthy and thorough review of everything that transpired the night Boyd died. "We are saying there was no misconduct," Woods said of the fatal shooting. The police complaint office has determined Vancouver Const. Lee Chipperfield did not use excessive force in the Granville Street shooting of Boyd.

Deputy Commissioner Woods has made no comment whatsoever in connection with the recent airing of the video; the aforementioned comments are false and misleading. Our Office has since received unreserved apologies from the Editors of these newspapers and Mr. Mulgrew. The misleading material has been removed from websites and we are advised an internal investigation is underway.

This advisory is to ensure that all media outlets are aware of this very serious inaccuracy.