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This month Sergeant Lee Ann Ansel of the Halton Regional Police graces our cover as she shows the flag at the Institute of Justice in St.Petersburg, Russia. In this issue Lee Ann chronicles her trip to the first International Congress of Women Police held last spring in St.Petersburg. Reading her story will make us all feel rather fortunate we live in the country we do. Lee Ann's article is indeed a compelling article of a nation struggling hard to come out of the "dark empire" of Communism. In her article Lee Ann points out women police officers are relegated to file clerk responsibilities. She also points out that being on the street is not a particularly happier state of affairs either. Russia's state of anarchy is highlighted by a distinct lack of respect for the police (Militia) and an even higher lack of respect for human life. Read more on page 12.

Since running our article in the October 1993 issue about the Malinois dogs being used in police work many avid German Shepherd owners have been wanting to see an article on their favourite breed. In this issue we are happy to accommodate them.

After some research we discovered that the German Shepherd breed is less than 100 years old. This got us even more curious and we were fortunate enough to find a German Shepherd enthusiast in Kerry Greene. Kerry took on the task with characteristic enthusiasm and supplied us with enough material to cover at least six issues. For the sake of cost efficiency we managed to cut that back to two issues. We hope you learn more about this amazing breed.

Proceed onward, dear reader. The November issue awaits your pleasure.



Mending Fences

By Gary Miller

Canada misses the target... Again!

The government of Canada, so they would have you believe, have "toughened up the Criminal Justice system". Our "get tough" Minister of Justice, Allan Rock alleges sympathy for our police. He speaks of his "crime fighting". But how has he tightened up the system? Just who is he getting tough with? Criminals? Consider the following rock solid positions established by our national government;

1. **The Death Penalty** - they won't be bringing that back. Our pampered murderers will continue to serve the shortest sentences anywhere.
2. **Real Life Sentences** - no, there is no such thing in Canada.
3. **Repeal of Section 746** - permits only concurrent sentencing on capital crimes. This will not change. Kill one, kill two hundred, no difference.
4. **High Risk Offenders** - Justice Minister Allan Rock may keep released offenders "under supervision" By whom, police? Parole officers?
5. **Young Offenders** - Mutant Teenage murderers could serve 10 years instead of 5. Is that it? Big deal!
6. **Immigration** - May shorten appeal process for refused immigrants, refugee claimants & foreign criminals who have been ordered deported. Why is there any appeal process?

But the jewel, the centrepiece, the absolute crowning touch of Canada's "get tough" war on crime will not be waged against its criminals at all. Far from it. It will be waged on the backs of one of our most respectful, loyal, careful, law abiding groups of citizens.

Millions of dollars (anywhere between \$85 and \$500 million) will be spent registering, recording, researching, regulating, regimenting, reviewing, restricting and generally harassing this group the country's legal gun owners and sports enthusiasts.

And so we come to the bedrock of the Canadian government's ultimate position on fighting crime. Registering every legal gun and every legal gun owner in the land; a multi-million dollar boondoggle of bureaucratic busywork. Far safer and more certain than ferreting out real criminals who dive for the cover of their beloved Charter of Rights and Freedoms the moment they smell a criminal charge.

By hitting law abiding gun owners with a labyrinth of invasive, restrictive and punitive regulations, expenses and nuisance laws government will be targeting a vulnerable, easily

identifiable group whose Charter status is undefined and infinitely weaker than the powerfully privileged accused or identified criminal class.

Many comfortably paid bean counters, doubtless friendly to the government, can be employed in safe sinecures which will continue into the distant future, conscripting, counting, collecting, collating, compiling, cross-referencing and cataloguing endless names and data. A huge and burgeoning bureaucracy big enough to fill one of those shining empty officer towers in Ottawa-Hull is in the making to give government inefficiency and empire building new meaning.

And the crime fighting value, the crime prevention value? Minimal, and worse, because it takes scarce resources away from fighting real criminals. As Professor Gary Mauser, in his 1995 Fraser Forum paper said "Gun control is not crime control". Professor Mauser was able to easily profile who the legal gun owners were; 86% male, middle aged, slightly less educated than the average, higher than average employed and hard working, more likely to be farmers or blue collar workers with a tendency to independence and self reliance.

In an era when front line police numbers are plummeting due to budget constraints, and even those reduced numbers are under intimidating threat of layoffs by their civilian bosses, self reliance on the part of our citizens isn't necessarily a bad thing.

The point is, identifying and codifying legal gun owners is like shooting fish in a barrel. They are known, they are not involved in criminal activity, and they can be shaken down to finance a measure of the mountain of bureaucracy their status will engender once Canada's nightmarish Gun Control regulations, registering every legal gun in the land, are passed into law as Bill 68.

Some rationalization may be in order. Gun control is not a bad thing. We should know, Canada has plenty of it already. In one of her few noticeable acts, former Justice Minister and Prime Minister Kim Campbell pushed through some fairly comprehensive gun control legislation in 1992. Some gun registration definitely has some merit. But it is no substitute for crime fighting.

How could the Federal Government have got it so wrong? One would be tempted to believe that the powers that be are afraid to tackle the criminals who increasingly control our daily lives because of the extraordinary, complicated and costly protections provided them in the Charter of Rights, which are not provided ordinary citizens. Therefore hit the easier mark, the good citizen.

Ontario's Solicitor General Robert Runciman, an avowed opponent of Ottawa's new gun legislation, said, "The Federal government has chosen to emphasize trivial but politically attractive measures at the expense of realistic and effective gun control."

Runciman said the estimated half-billion dollars the gun registry will cost could be much better used hiring more police officers to patrol our streets and more customs officers to control illicit gun traffic across the border.

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Publisher's Commentary

By Morley Lyburner

Can smug Canadians learn from the OJ trials

What price do we pay as a society for the freedom we enjoy?

I was challenged by this very thought recently while listening to the OJ soap opera being played out in California. Much as I tried to be smug about it all, and insist that it couldn't happen here, I realized that we are no different. Like it or not we are attached to the United States far more closely than the 49th parallel.

Not only do we share the same language and culture, we share the same principles and purpose of thought. Our Charter of Rights and Freedoms is at least reminiscent of the United States Constitution and reflects in part our desire to ensure equality and freedom of the individual.

I brought my thoughts back to the manner in which the Simpson matter was investigated. Something certainly appears to have fallen off the tracks here and without a doubt some changes are going to have to be made. But this is part of the price society must pay for their freedoms.

Society can expect nothing more from their police than what they can reflect in them. Its police force derives not only its

strength but also its talents from the population that lives there. You can set up candidate tests in as great a depth as you wish but you cannot divorce the police force from the will, talents, abilities and thoughts of the population.

These officers did not come from another world. They are not trained to be automatons. They are not trained to be cold calculated killers. They are not trained to hate, cheat or lie.

They are trained to do their jobs to the best of their ability. The emphasis is on the word "their." Each officer brings his own strengths and weaknesses to the policing function. I would not wish to see it any other way. They are never asked for perfection just honest effort.

Each officer takes an oath of office which clearly lays out the conditions by which he is expected to do his job. When one reads these oaths he can quickly determine that they do not require super human abilities to fulfil them. As one minister once pointed out to me godliness is not what we are expected to achieve but it is the goal which we are expected to honestly

strive for.

What on earth would we do with a perfect police force. A city policed by even a handful of Robocops would certainly do away with almost all violent crime but at what price. We would now live in fear of the cop. While under his icy gaze would we feel a little twinge of guilt sufficient enough for him to start questioning us? Is he skilled enough to know the difference between nervousness and a guilty mind?

So when I look at the LA Police experience I can not in good conscience point a finger in shame. As the old saying goes if I point one finger at them I may be pointing three back at myself.

This "great trial of the century" has certainly brought home a lot of messages to me. And none of them deal with the guilt or innocence of OJ.

Much the same as in a Coroner's inquest the job at hand should not be to determine guilt or innocence but rather to see what can be learned so that similar tragedies may be avoided.

But of which tragedy do we speak. The tragedy of the deaths of two people? The tragedy of a lost opportunity for revenge? The tragedy of a sloppy investigation? The tragedy of a court turned into a circus ring? The tragedy of prejudice? The tragedy of a community that would not, will not nor could not learn from its mistakes? Ah Yes! That could be it!

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A HISTORY OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD



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Max von Stephanitz
1864-1936
"Father of the breed"

Max von Stephanitz once wrote that Horand von Grafrath, (shown above) also known as the "Adam of the German Shepherd breed," embodied the fulfilment of the dog enthusiast's fondest dreams: he was large... with a nobly formed head; clean and sinewy in build. His character corresponded to his exterior qualities: marvellous in his obedient faithfulness to his master; and above all, the straightforward nature of a gentleman with a boundless and irrepressible zest for living... Never idle, always on the go; well disposed to harmless people, but no cringer, crazy about children and always in love. What could not have become of such a dog, if only we had at that time military or police service training?" To Stephanitz this dog and the police officer were true kindred spirits. In this article Kerry Greene, himself a lifelong admirer of the breed, was invited to submit a brief history of the German Shepherd dog.

by Kerry Greene

The story of the German Shepherd Dog does not start thousands of years ago, nor even hundreds of years ago. The official registering and hence recognition of all our modern pure bred breeds surprisingly does not date back that far; for breeders have been reproducing and registering different breeds for about 100 - 150 years.

It was during this time span that the magnificent and powerful canine was discovered and transformed into one of the best known and most loved of all the breeds known to man.

The story of the German Shepherd (known in Britain as Alsatian) starts with a group of very dedicated breeders; from out of which came a man with a vision of the perfect utility working dog, a man with an unboundless love for a single breed and to this goal he dedicated his life's work.

That man was Rittmeister (Cavalry

Captain) Max Emil Friedrich von Stephanitz, who with the guidance of a loving hand, took a little known native herding breed out of obscurity and heralded it onto the world stage of recognition as a dog without peers. In doing so Stephanitz rightfully earned and deserved the title "The Father of the Breed."

On April 22, 1899, the foundation meeting for the newly formed Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde or SV, was held. Max von Stephanitz agreed to become their first president.

THE PERFECT WORKING DOG

The goal Stephanitz envisioned was encompassed in the very motto he coined for the breed "Utility and Intelligence."

He realized that the world was about to embark on another great era of change; like it had 100 years previously with the ushering in of the industrial revolution; it

was now ready to usher in a new era of change in transportation and communication. The automotive and Technological revolution would seal the fate for trail drives and drovers as well as their herding dogs. Up to this point people had always taken their livestock to new pastures or market, simply by themselves, either by walking or on horseback.

Stephanitz and his colleagues feared that if the breeders of herding dogs did not adapt to the changing life style society was entering and start breeding their dogs accordingly for other areas of working proficiency their beloved Shepherd dogs could decline into obscurity. It was with this thought in mind the evolutionary change in breeding from herding dog to an over all working utility dog was on.

THE FOUNDATION

The creation of the modern German Shepherd took its first step towards reality when Stephanitz came across the dog Hektor von Linksrhein.

Linksrhein was born January 1, 1895 at the kennels of Herr Sparwasser in Frankfurt. Stephanitz, recognizing Hektor's value as a foundation sire, purchased the dog at three years of age and changed his name to Horand von Grafrath after his Grafrath Kennels. Hence Horand von Grafrath became the SV first registered German Shepherd Dog or SV.1.

Stephanitz praised Horand who "was large for that period from 24-24 1/2 inches height of back, a very good medium size - with powerful bones, beautiful lines and a nobly formed head; clean and sinewy in build, the entire dog was one live wire."

A NEW BREED



The two strains of German Shepherds in Germany at that time were from Thuringia (above right) and Württemberg (above left). Stephanitz envisioned crossing the two strains for the mutual benefit of each. To accomplish this task, Stephanitz and his colleagues looked far and wide for dogs and bitches that possessed the qualities and characteristics and stature of Horand.

After a select group of dogs were chosen and detailed breeding took place the desired result became a reality with such dogs as the 1901 champion Hektor von Schwaben, the son of Horand who later sired many more champions and pioneers of the breed.



Klodo von Boxberg

On August 29, 1925, something happened that would affect the breed for decades to come. That something was the crowning of the World Sieger, Klodo von Boxberg, who had been the 1923 Czechoslovakian Sieger, and son of Erich.

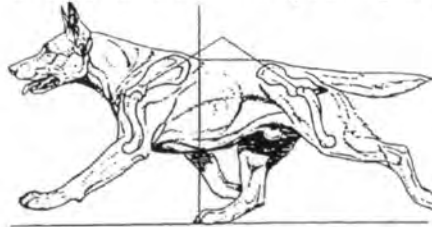
Boxberg was the dog who is said to have formed the demarcation line separating the old blood lines from the new blood lines and creating the standards by which we judge the modern German Shepherd.

Prior to the 1923 show Stephanitz had called a meeting of the German breeding masters acting in his capacity as President of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde. His main concern was that the dogs were getting too high and square in conformation when measured height to length. For he realized the inherent dangers of oversized square dogs with their severely lim-

ited working ability, especially as herding dogs.

As a result of this meeting, and the subsequent selecting of Klodo, all future German Shepherd dogs were to be compared.

Stephanitz recognized that an animal's gait is very important. It enables the animal to cover an area in a limited amount of time with minimal exertion. The German Shepherd truly has a beautiful gait which is second to none in all of dogdom. They possess a gait of tireless energy with the everlasting graceful mystique of a dancer. The male moves with sheer power planting his feet on the ground one after another with firmness and confidence as he traverses the terrain with dynamic grace.



To accomplish this feat Shepherds, using their hindquarters for powerful propulsion, reach up under and slightly in towards the middle line or centre of their great frame when trotting in order to maintain balance; with each hind leg of a well-proportioned Shepherd reaching up to their

centre of mass.

As an optimum it has been determined the Shepherd should neither be too high or too long with respect to the dogs overall conformation. The dog should have a length, (measured from the pelvis bone or buttocks to the prosternum or chest bone) to height (measured by a perpendicular line from the withers to the ground) proportion of 10 to 8.5 with the ideal proportion being 10 to 8.8.

Scientific experiments as well as observations in the field of utility work have shown Stephanitz's proportions to be true. Such notables as Mrs. Harrison Eustis and her famous Fortunate Fields Kennels in Switzerland along with associates Mr. Elliot Humphrey and Lucien Warner have carried out studies in the past which have confirmed Stephanitz's opinions and judgements.

Credits and further reading;
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National Registry Created for People with Alzheimer Disease

You've heard the rumours and yes it's true. There is a nationwide Alzheimer Wandering Registry Program across Canada.

The registry is designed to provide you with vital identification data on people with Alzheimer Disease and will help in locating a registered individual, if you receive a missing persons report from the family or find the person wandering or lost.

Given that wandering is a normal and common behaviour for someone who has Alzheimer Disease and that the number of people with this disease is growing, you as a police officer are likely to encounter someone. You may find the person wandering or lost, disturbing the peace or shoplifting.

When a person has Alzheimer Disease, their physical and emotional abilities are affected. They do not realize or understand that certain activities are wrong. Training is an important component of the program. It will help you understand Alzheimer Disease and teach you some strategies on how to approach an individual.

A police handbook has been designed to help increase your understanding of Alzheimer Disease and wandering, familiarize you with the registry, and assist you in recognizing and communicating with a person who has Alzheimer Disease. These handbooks are available free of charge from your local Alzheimer society. Training sessions for police will be offered locally, in cooperation with local Alzheimer Societies.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada has established the registry with the assistance of the RCMP/Canadian Police Information Centre National Computer System, and in partnership with the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation and the Block Parent Program of Canada. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, at its 1993 annual conference, endorsed the concept of an Alzheimer registry, and agreed to work cooperatively with Alzheimer Canada and the Canadian Police Information Centre.

In areas where registries already exist, they will be integrated into the national database, which is stored on the RCMP CPIC computer system. The information



will be accessible to any authorized policing organization in Canada, which is great news. Data on those individuals at risk to wander will be available to all police agencies.

The program is being funded by Health Canada's seniors Independence Program, the RCMP, and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, which has contributed funding for the development of the Alzheimer Wandering Registry: Police & Handbook.

The program was launched in June, and registration on CPIC should be possible by September. We encourage you to contact your local Alzheimer Society or Alzheimer Canada for more information, as police participation is very important to the success of this program.



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The International Association of Chiefs of Police and Motorola jointly announced the 1995 winners of the Webber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement, the highest agency and department award for innovative, successful law enforcement programs worldwide.

The 1995 winners are the Indianapolis, Indiana Police Department for its program that reduced the number and seriousness of incidents requiring police response in one of the city's federally-subsidized housing complexes; the Peel Regional Police for its child abuse response program; and the West Palm Beach, Florida Police Department for a program to reduce truancy.

"Programs such as the Webber Seavey Award for Quality In Law Enforcement are invaluable in ensuring that good work is recognized; raising public awareness, understanding and support for quality policing; honouring the accomplishments of law enforcement professionals; adding to the profession's body of knowledge about law enforcement techniques; and serving as a catalyst for continued innovative thinking," according to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

In Indianapolis, Police Department statistics revealed a steady increase of dispatched runs, incidents requiring police reports, Part I crimes and aggravated assaults at the Parkview Place Apartment complex, a federally-subsidized low-income housing community. Police surveys indicated residents were particularly concerned about drug traffic, weapons and gun fire and the overall safety and security of the community. Many residents believed it simply wasn't safe for them or their children to even go outside their apartments.

Through a team approach that brought the police, the complex's management, residents and the surrounding community together, the program significantly reversed all of the rising crime and violence trends that worried residents most.

The Peel Regional Police, headquartered in Brampton, Ontario, created a sophisticated process to better help abused children through the justice system and into treatment with minimal personal trauma.

The department assigned a full-time

coordinator to monitor police policies and activities as well as serve as a liaison with other police services, the justice system, social agencies and victim support groups. They reassigned responsibility for child abuse investigations to over 30 designated child abuse investigators in the department's Criminal Investigation Bureau. All of these investigators received special training through a certification program offered by the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse. A new protocol was established in which police officers and staff from the Peel Children's Aid Society work together on all investigations. The police also created special interview rooms for the victimized children, further reducing the trauma they might feel when talking with investigators.

The results of all these measures have been impressive. Parents of victimized children routinely comment on the positive impact on their children of the special interview rooms. The program coordinator has enhanced the relationship between the police and community service agencies, and sent a strong signal to the community that child abuse investigations are a police priority.

In West Palm Beach, Florida, the Police Department devised its Truancy Interdiction Program to help reduce delinquency in the community. A 1992 survey by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission had identified truancy as a leading factor fuelling delinquency through-

out the county. Police believed truancy also might be directly related to daytime crime in the area. If truancy could be reduced, crime rates might fall as well.

The program includes a number of features:

- A central receiving facility for students
- Immediate notification of parents and schools when a child is picked up. Police require parents or guardians to come to the facility to take custody of their child.
- Staff meet with students and their families to assess their individual needs and provide referrals to community services as necessary.
- Children readmitted to school only if the students and their parents attend a re-admission conference.
- The school attendance of any truant student is tracked for the remainder of the school year.

Police agree the program is working. Not only is the rate of truancy down, but also crime rates have dropped in areas where truant apprehensions have been most prevalent.

"What these three 1995 Seavey Award winners have achieved will serve as invaluable program models for other communities and law enforcement agencies and departments around the world," says Chief Whetsel, IACP president. "Their achievements also are a reminder of the many ways in which law enforcement professionals are making their communities better places in which to live every day."

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Innovative program takes thieves to small claims court

By John Deverell - Toronto Star



POINTTS founder Brian Lawrie

Can a cop be honest, serve the law and get rich? Brian Lawrie couldn't, so 13 years ago he quit running speed traps for Metro and went over to the other side—helping drivers fight traffic tickets.

His company of ex-coppers, POINTTS, spent \$200,000 beating the Law Society of Upper Canada and others at their own game, won the right to represent defendants in traffic court and went on to establish a small but profitable service industry where lawyers had not cared to tread.

POINTTS now boasts 30 offices and 70 associates, charges from \$100 for photo-radar to \$550 for charges arising from serious accidents, pulls in about \$6 million a year in revenues, and has a success rate for about 80 per cent of its clients. "If an office's win rate falls below 80 per cent, I'm concerned about competence," says Lawrie. "If it goes above 90, I figure they're not accepting enough hard cases."

POINTTS serves the law but pits Lawrie against his former police buddies, and that has always bothered him more than a bit. Now, at age 45, he's touting a new paralegal operation to complement the traffic business — one which he hopes will churn out profits while letting his guys chase some criminals, just like the uniformed police, and with more convincing results.

Lawrie calls the latest scheme ACLAIM, Civil Loss Recovery Systems, and has lined up two backers who ought to ensure its success—the Hudson's Bay Co., Canada's largest retail organization, and a substantial department store discounter, U.S.-controlled K-mart Canada Ltd..

The idea, already practised in many U.S. states, is to sue shoplifters for damages using small claims court. The merchant tries to recover not just the value of the stolen wristwatches, trenchcoats and camcorders, but the overhead costs of catching and prosecuting the crooks.

The potential volume is tremendous. The Retail Council of Canada estimates that shoplifters whip about \$1.5 billion annually from Canadian stores, about 1 per cent of gross sales. The thefts aren't large—typically less than \$100—but they are numerous.

To take but one example, Zellers asset protection manager Stephen O'Keefe says his company caught 31,000 shoplifters last year.

Lawrie and ACLAIM plan to take all those files off the hands of retailers and launch suits seeking damages. They'll demand something for the retailer's security costs—\$200 for an out-of-court settlement or the full estimated cost of \$600 if the defendant wants to go to trial—and, of course, an administrative fee of \$125 for ACLAIM.

Most defendants will settle, Lawrie calculates, but perhaps 5 per cent of cases will go all the way to judgment. If the defendants lose and don't pay, their names will be filed with credit bureaus. "Very few people remain judgment-proof forever," he observes.

The prospect of widespread civil actions against shoplifters worries some police officers, who say it may undermine the criminal justice system. Another objection arises from the Salvation Army which argues that civil pursuit will impose further misery on people who steal out of a genuine need to provide for themselves or their children.

Lawrie rejects both arguments. Neither he nor the big corporate retailers have any interest in pursuing "hardship" shoplifters, he says, but they are relatively few in number. "Most shoplifters have enough money in their pockets to make the purchase when they're caught," Lawrie claims. "Their motive is greed, not need."

As for the criminal law, it offers little effective deterrent to persistent shoplifters. At present most of them are diverted from the overcrowded courts, either by police before being charged or by crown attorneys afterward, into short counselling sessions or a few hours of community service.



Frustrated retailers complain that many shoplifters have little difficulty passing through the diversion schemes with no record only to resume their criminal activity.

By imposing what amounts to a certain, significant fine and creating a centralized record, ACLAIM expects "to change the shoplifter's calculation of risk. We want people to know that if you're caught stealing from The Bay or Zellers, for sure you'll be called to account."

ACLAIM began working with Hudson's Bay Company on pilot projects in 1993 but as yet no cases have actually been filed to small claims court.

Lawrie, a patient fellow when he has to be, has engaged 18 lawyers to develop a single, standardized statement of claim that will fly in every province and to argue the pioneering cases in each jurisdiction.

By agreement with The Bay and Zellers, he has developed a backlog of 600 cases and is waiting until all procedures are harmonized before proceeding simultaneously in courts across Canada. "We're using the cookie cutter and assembly line approach, because that's the only way to make this thing work at a reasonable cost," Lawrie says.

The effect of proceeding on a large scale simultaneously in many courts, he calculates, will be to avoid the unpleasant appearance that Hudson's Bay Co., a \$6 billion corporation, is picking arbitrarily on some lone unlucky small fry. Sometime later this year, the avalanche of shoplifting cases will descend, and every booster in Canada who wonders whether to settle with ACLAIM will soon find out what happens when you resist.

The Bay, Zellers and Lawrie are betting that the claims courts will support them because they'll recognize that a cheap, efficient legal attack on shoplifting serves the public good.

"It's a long way from pushing a patrol car up Dufferin St.," Lawrie agrees. "It hasn't always been easy, but I think we're finding private enterprise ways to make the justice system work better."

For further details about this project, or POINTTS in general, phone 416 234-9200 or Fax 416 234-9203.

Retail theft in Canada

A \$6 million per day industry is flourishing... but we all must pay

It's hard to believe, but that is the amount of money Canadian retailers are losing every day to dishonest customers and employees. When you add in bookkeeping "errors", the loss totals more than \$7,000,000 a day.

These are the results of the 1993 inventory shrinkage survey released by the Retail Council of Canada. As

one of their members recently stated, that amounts to over 100,000 jobs lost in the retail sector.

Just what causes these losses. In the past, the most widely known area was through customer theft which was commonly called shop lifting. However, that word has a connotation of a victim-less crime. Today, in the retail sector, they are striving to have the terminology changed to "Shop Theft". This correctly identifies the problem for what it is - THEFT!

Customers account for anywhere from 40 to 55% of a store's inventory loss, while store employees make up about 26 to 40%. The percentage varies by size of store. The larger the retail outlet, the more employees are hired. Smaller stores tend to be family run.

There are two approaches to reducing inventory "shrinkage" which is the mysterious disappearance of inventory. The first one is the "I Gotcha" approach and the second is the preventative method. Most large retailers today are trying to use the preventative approach while acknowledging the fact that there are times when it is necessary to use the "I Gotcha" approach.

In order to be effective in prevention, one must know how and when customers and employees steal. First of all, there is the simple taking of merchandise. Lately, however, customers have become more daring, and on the increase is refund fraud. This is when a "customer" will obtain merchandise from within a store and take it to the returns counter for a refund. Unfortunately many companies will still issue a refund without a proof of purchase.

Members of the Retail Council of Canada are encouraged to mail a cheque to anyone without a proof of purchase. It's amazing how many cheques are returned by the post office marked "No Such Address". Lately some retailers have reduced their postage



and other types of theft by day of the week and time of the day. By doing so, they are able to determine the most common time an employee steals. Once this is done questions as to why they occur can be asked and prevention programs established to illuminate the causes.

Whether it is theft by customers or theft by employees, retailers today are suffering major losses. Shop theft is not a victim-less crime; jobs are lost and stores are closed because of it.

Today, many retail Loss Prevention professionals are working with groups including the police, Crown Attorneys and private specialized companies in order to reduce losses. Shop Theft is a crime and only by working together can they reduce the \$6,000,000 a day Canadian retailers are losing to dishonest customers and employees.

costs by using software that verifies the street address and postal code before mailing the cheque. All refunds of this nature are then entered into a data base. If a cheque requisition from the store matches the name, address or telephone number of a previous refund, the cheque is not mailed. Retailers doing this have a three year history of refunds on their data base.

Computers are also used in the battle against employee theft. They track fraudulent refunds, fraudulent cash register voids

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WOMEN POLICE REACH ACROSS THE FALLEN IRON CURTAIN



The first International Congress of Women Police was held in St. Petersburg, Russia on March 21 to 25, 1995. Sergeant Lee-Ann Ansell of the Halton Regional Police (pictured above showing the flag at the Russian Justice Institute) attended this history making event and files this report on the experience.

The fall of communism brought sweeping changes to Russian society, not all of them positive. There is evidence of economic, social and political strife. Policing in Russia, must be a difficult task especially when the officers are poorly paid by our standards. An officer with the rank of major earns \$130.00 (US) per month, which is quite high considering a family physician with 20 years experience can earn as little as \$50.00 (US) per month.

The police in Russia are called Militia still, not having yet made the change toward civilianization. Gone are the hammer and sickle hat badges. They can now be found in the local tourist markets for sale alongside the Russian dolls, Russian fur hats and religious icons. The police in Russia unlike Canada are not a respected group of people. The citizens of Russia fear the police and openly discuss their involvement as victims of police corruption.

St. Petersburg is the second largest city in the Russian republic of the former Soviet Union. It was known as Leningrad until 1991, when the city's residents voted to restore its former name. The city is situated in the delta of the Neva River on the Gulf of Finland. The city was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great under the German name Saint Petersburg. When World War I broke out in 1914, the Germanic name was changed to Petrograd; and, on Lenin's death in 1924, the city was renamed Leningrad.

It is said that in St. Petersburg, a city of approximately 4.5 million, traffic police will

conduct random spot checks and when an infraction is identified, the officer will take cash in lieu of a traffic summons. Rubles aren't as readily accepted as the much more stable US dollar. Stories are told of the traffic police erecting one way traffic signs on a busy and normally two way street. When the unsuspecting motorist contravenes the "new" law, he or she is stopped and the dealing begins.

Since the fall of Communism and subsequent "freedom" of democracy several changes have taken place. Previous to 1991, all citizens in Russia were provided with employment opportunities. Child care centres were abundant with youngsters being taken care of by

state employed daycare staff while their parents were earning their living as factory workers, farmers, shopkeepers or any other position the state could provide... even toilet facility attendant.

Crime was dealt with in the strictest fashion and offenders knew the consequences for breaking the law. Living quarters were provided by the state, usually consisting of a one or two room flat and if favoured, a three room flat. Single family homes were not a reality for the general population.

When Russia made its first big attempt to become Westernized, it was like venturing into the unknown for citizens and residents. In St. Petersburg region, the Mayor who had held his post during communism, maintained his position afterward. He still holds the office of Mayor in 1995. There have been no elections in his riding.

When asked about his position before versus after the introduction of democracy he laughs, and explains that he feels he will be mayor for quite a while. There are no elections scheduled to be called in the near future.

Citizens who were once guaranteed a job under the communist movement, now are at risk of unemployment. Many women have been laid off and daycare centres are closing. State funding is drying up due to economic demands placed on the country to address several issues including the war in Chechnya.

When women police are asked about the March 8th "International Women's Day" celebrations, they laugh and suggest that this is a day for their men to celebrate in the streets and drink vodka.

They discuss their distress regarding the issue of public safety in the home and street. As few as two years ago the streets of St. Petersburg were quite safe to walk at all hours; the citizens had a respect for others. Now, men, women and children must be very cautious in the evening hours. Crime is out of control and getting worse. The police are unable to keep up with the organized criminal element who are taking over the streets. There is intimations that organized criminals play a key role in many police and business functions.

It is true there are now western goods for sale as a result of the New Russia, however, with such little earnings, many stores are still

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First International Congress of Women Police



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only for browsing, for the general population. There are no line-ups at the western style stores with western style prices.

The regular citizen still lines up for food sold in outdoor markets at reasonable prices. Meats and vegetables are treated as a luxury and not something easily accessible to the working public. American advertising and billboards are abundant. The Russian people say these stores cater to the tourists and Mafia but, are out of reach for them.

One then wonders how it came to be that the "First International Congress of Women Police" could be held in St. Petersburg, Russia in March 1995. The police service in Russia is attempting to bring about change in an organization riddled with problems dealing with corruption, abuse of power, sexism, little funding, antiquated technology, and extremely high rates of crime.

The congress was the brain child of Major Galia Mavliutova an 18 year veteran of the St. Petersburg Central Militia. She feels there is great necessity to bring to Russia foreign officers to provide a foreign influence by sharing ideas, providing training and dealing with policing and crime on a global scale.

Galia first learned about the western style of policing when she attended the International Association of Women Police Conference in Vancouver, Canada in 1993 as an international delegate.

She was impressed with the welcome she received and care given her. She arrived with no money, and only a uniform when she landed

in Montreal, Quebec. She had been told by her superiors to travel by taxi from Montreal to the hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.

As a result of the Canadian generosity, Galia arrived safely in Vancouver. She was provided food lodging and business wear. She was given opportunities and training in Canada she could never have experienced in her motherland.

The ABI Bank of St. Petersburg was so impressed with her ideas of bringing the "policing world" to Russia they sponsored the event. They hoped this would be the beginning of a new age in policing in Russia.

International delegates travelled to the conference from Canada, USA, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Northern Ireland, and Hungary.

Delegates from Canada were supported and represented by the Ontario Police College, Ontario Provincial Police, and Halton Regional Police Service. Russian delegates travelled by airplane, train, bus and foot to hear what the international delegates had to offer.

Over 500 male and female officers came from as far as Siberia to share in this first time event. Celebrations and song welcomed the visitors on the first day of the congress. Every country with their representative flag was on the stage to discuss their future in policing.

Topics specifically dealt with the role and treatment of women in policing in the Western countries. Issues that have been overcome in Canada and the US were discussed and shared with our Russian counterparts. It was quite evident there was a lack of understanding

regarding our culture just as the International Delegates had with our hosts.

One of the surprising things that happened was having the City representative note that had he known there would be this many police-women visiting his city, he would have had the flower bulbs purchased so that we could assist in planting them. It was surprising to hear a comment such as this made, however it was only the Western women that seemed to notice this. We were to later find out the true role of women in law enforcement in Russia.

On the first day the media asked our first impressions of the role and appearance of Russian women police. The delegates commented that the one difference was that Russian police women wear skirts during their tour of duty. It was shortly thereafter that it was brought to our attention women police work indoors for the most part and they wouldn't look "nice" in pants.

Day one of the congress consisted of speeches by the various delegate countries and welcoming addresses from the Russian ranking officials. The days events were held in a lovely old theatre with painted ceilings and gothic fixtures and woodwork. Smiles were evident on the faces of all and translators were kept very busy with Russian and English officers attempting to gather as much information about one another as possible.

The congress was entitled "Police, Woman, Humanism". When asked what "humanism" meant as it related to the congress, our Russian friends advised it was part of the hope to



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increase professionalism in policing by considering how policing can become more humane and just in Russia. Thus was the beginning of a week of learning and sharing of ideas by police on a global level.

The city of St. Petersburg was founded almost three hundred years ago by Peter the Great who had a vision that he would build a city as beautiful as the cities to the west in Europe. He commissioned master architects and craftsmen to carry out his wishes.

Today, St. Petersburg is a lovely city consisting of 300 islands and canals, 120 museums, a strong atomic shipbuilding industry, with the River Niva running through the city banked by granite.

Buildings and artifacts still stand as they did three hundred years ago. The most famous museum is the Heritage which consists of five buildings, over 1200 rooms and three million works of art. It is a wonderful exhibition of the fine masters of years past. The international police delegates were treated to these wonderful sights and locations during the stay in this distinctively built city.

Visits were made to the Law Institute of St. Petersburg, the local penitentiary for women, police schools of training, the central police station, and various classes within several educational facilities.

Sergeant Brenda Glass representing the Halton Regional Police Service as a seconded officer to the Ontario Police College, provided information as it relates to required and advanced training of police officers in Ontario. She brought with her a video tape of the facilities available at O.P.C. and offered course outlines to the ranking officers at the Law Institute and police training facility.

The many officers of all ranks of St. Petersburg and area police were instructed and educated by Sergeant Glass on the issues of wife assault and sexual assault and received several information packages for future planning and enforcement initiatives.

Sergeant Lee-Ann Ansell brought to St. Petersburg information packages dealing with the issues of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, death investigation techniques, child abduction investigations, and spoke on the issue of the status of women in policing.

Discussions were conducted to introduce the Russian police to initiatives that have been successfully implemented to increase and encourage women into policing. The 1993 "Status of Women in Policing in Canada" study was used as a guide to introduce information related to programs and initiatives that have been or ought to be introduced to the policing community.

Like most conferences, much of the cultural and policing information sharing went on during the social events. This was when the "realities" of policing were shared with the western delegates.

It was during these sessions that the officers let us know the real problems facing them in 1995 relating to crime, law enforcement, corruption and technology.

Police in Russia are issued uniforms made of heavy wool blends, the women wear skirts



Senior Constable Valerie Baun representing the Ontario Provincial Police-Amherstview detachment explained to law classes the role of women in policing in the Ontario Provincial Police, the history of the role of women and the founding of the Ontario Provincial Police Women's network. Valerie discussed the changing face of policing in Ontario. She provided information on community based policing initiatives and promoted involvement with networking initiatives to decrease the feeling of isolation in policing for women who may be working in locations where they have no "comrades" to share experiences with. Valerie introduced the congress attendees to the "Story of Duncan" which she wrote several years ago to attempt to promote an understanding of the need for some women or men to have networking accessibility so as to promote healthy experiences and friendships among the policing community.

(not quite practical for those severely cold Russian winters). The men wear pants and heavy wool coats and hats. Technology is antiquated and in need of repair. Police computer systems are 20 - 30 years old and outdated by today's standards.

The local police are not equipped with body armour and with the rise in firearms related crimes they lose officers often to fatal gunfire.

Russian police officers were very surprised to hear that Canadian police are well respected, well paid and supported by the communities in which they serve.

Traffic officers who may be assigned to a street corner for the purposes of traffic enforcement are detailed to stand in the cold, regardless of the weather, for 12 hours per shift.

Their equipment consists of boots, coat, hat, supply bag, firearm and radio. With these tools they set out for the long day of traffic stops and issuance of tickets. There is no availability to take a lunch break. Citizens are always ready to make deals with the traffic police so as not to receive a summons.

A certain law in St. Petersburg requires that a person having accumulated 3 traffic violations be automatically suspended from retaining a drivers license. This is partially the reason why so many motorists are prepared to pay off the police rather than receive a \$2.00 traffic ticket.

Traffic police are not tasked with ensuring the motorists have a contract of motor vehicle insurance. This is not required in St. Petersburg. Motorists may volunteer to purchase insurance, but they don't see a need for it. Seatbelt legislation is an unknown in Russia. It is common to see babies carried on the laps of mothers as fathers drive their Ladas to the market.

Vehicles are in a state of disrepair and neglect with years of dirt caked on the wheels and frames. Driver's licenses are purchased with no test required. It's no wonder there are so many traffic accidents! With these kinds of laws or lack of laws it is no wonder the police have a difficult time ensuring public safety and adherence to common sense rules.

Much time was spent with the officers and students of the Institute of Justice and Law. This is a 1000 student school of higher education. Many of the students who will graduate from their four year program will go on to investigative duties in the Russian police. Some of the graduates will become Interpol operatives.

The delegates provided much information to these students and teachers on the initiatives, and programs in place within our police educational facilities. Students and staff were very surprised to hear there is equality between men and women in our workforce and police services. They were very surprised to learn that in Canada and the United States we have women who hold the rank of Chief of Police. They were wide eyed when told that women hold various positions such as dog handler, tactical and rescue unit, homicide investigator and street supervisor. This is unheard of in Russia. The instructors and students expressed their hope this is the way of the future for Russia.

The delegates were very impressed with the libraries and information available to the students. Not only do the students learn about the laws of Russia, they are required to learn a second language, and study the teachings of the great Russian masters and poets of the past to broaden their cultural horizon.

The students were well disciplined, polite,



Fond farewells were in order from OPP Constable Val Braun to two New York City Officers. Halton Region Sergeant B. Glass (third from left) with Muggie Murdoch of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to her right and two Russian Jail Guards.

and able to recite many points of interest about their city and country. The delegates learned as much from these students as the students learned from the delegates.

One thing was noticeable, and that was the lack of supplies such as pens, pencils, and up to date investigative literature. The delegates fortunately had anticipated this and supplied the students and teachers with several precis on modern investigative techniques and writing supplies.

Several students from the law institute acted as our guides and translators for the cultural programs and tours offered us. They were a charming group of young people who catered to our every wish and were absolutely fascinating to listen to.

They told so many interesting stories about their homeland, answering all questions with humour and interest. It was especially interesting to hear, that even though their career of choice is not one that is presently respected, they

hope that through education and ethics they can promote professionalism and non-corruption.

After eleven days it was time to say goodbye to our Russian hosts. The officers and students were so accommodating and friendly it was difficult to say good bye. Discussions were had over issues such as future exchanges, future investigative techniques, crime prevention initiatives and responding to corruption in the "New Russia".

This was to be the end of a trip of a lifetime but, the beginning of "police networking in Russia".

The student translators, guides, and police escorted the Canadian delegates to the airport. There were hugs, promises and laughter. True to Russian form, when the cameras flashed the old police regime came out of the woodwork. "No photography in the airport!" we were told. Not wanting to cause a fuss we complied with the "request."



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Hamilton area police officer wins first place in international shooting competition

Constable Myra James, of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Service, placed first in the revolver classification of the Firearms Competition at the 33rd Annual Training Conference of the International Association of Women Police (I.A.W.P.) held last summer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

There were 73 competitors, male and female, at the Firearms Competition, shooting either semi-automatics or revolvers. Constable James was first in the revolver section using a firearm borrowed from the Milwaukee Police Department.

The course of fire consisted of four phases. Speed, accuracy and the ability to properly utilize the equipment were the essential components of the competition. The emphasis was upon law enforcement combat survival. Each competitor fired 100 rounds with approximately 70% being fired at a distance of 20 feet or less.

The 33rd Annual Training Conference of the I.A.W.P. was sponsored by the

Milwaukee, Wisconsin Association of Women Police. It was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 23 - 29 September 1995. There were more than 600 officers from around the world registered for the week long Conference. The Canadian contin-

gent consisted of officers from across the country including the RCMP, the OPP, and the Surete du Quebec. Officers from Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton, Peel Regional Police and Metropolitan Toronto were also in attendance.

Two Brantford cops hit top medal awards at International Police Games



Constable Yancy Eddie



Constable Rudy Jambrosic

Bad guys in the southwestern Ontario city of Brantford had better watch their manners. The local police service boasts two gold medal winners from two different Police Games held earlier this year.

Constable Yancy Eddie captured a gold and silver medal at the Canadian Law Enforcement Games held in June, in Ottawa, Ontario.

The competition featured a martial arts tournament for any level of black belt.

Yancy, who is a first degree black belt won his gold medal using his weapon of choice, the Shindow Bow in the weapons competition and his silver in Kata (fighting).

Yancy is one of fifty in the world qualified to instruct in the use of the Shindow Bow.

Yancy has been a police officer for nine years and involved with the martial arts for six years. He hopes to participate in the World Police and Fire Fighters Games in

Calgary, in 1997.

Constable Rudy Jambrosic, also of the Brantford Police Service, flexed his way to winning two gold medals at the World Police and Fire Fighters Games, held in March, in Melbourne, Australia.

Rudy won the men's heavyweight division, and then went on to win the overall body-building title.

After months of intense training and a strict, bland diet, consisting some days of 78 egg whites and 4 to 6 pounds of potatoes, Rudy chiselled his 6'0" frame into 205 pounds of well defined muscle.

Self-discipline, sacrifice and sheer determination had paid off when the two gold medals were placed around the neck of the muscular law enforcement officer.

At 32, Rudy continues to pursue his policing career, works out faithfully and has his sights set on the World Police and Fire Games, scheduled in Calgary, in 1997.

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Moncton officer acquitted in use of force suit

A police officer who had been suspended with pay since last February was acquitted on a charge of assault causing bodily harm in early September.

Const. Phil Thibodeau of Moncton, a veteran of 22 years, was charged after a 19 year-old man said he was knocked unconscious and struck in the face with a flashlight.

The incident occurred last November 5 and stems from an arrest which was made when police were called to Pine Tree Mini Home Park where roughly 75 young people were trashing an empty home during a party.

Claude Blanchard, said that he left the party to go to his home next door with his girlfriend when they were confronted by Thibodeau. According to the young man, the officer tried to enter his front porch without permission.

He said that Thibodeau grabbed him and threw him from his porch onto his patio where he landed face up.

Knife-wielding man shot by officer

A man was shot in the leg by a Winnipeg police officer in early September after he refused to drop his knife and continued to approach the officer in a threatening manner.

The man was reportedly going from door to door at a Winnipeg motel and demanding cash from tenants.

When police arrived on the scene and asked him to abandon his unusual activity he pulled a knife out of his belt and approached the officer.

The officer fired two shots from his .38-calibre revolver and hit the assailant once in the knee. The extent of the damage to his leg was unclear but charges are pending.

Blanchard said that he passed out and awoke to find himself being dragged to a police cruiser.

Under cross-examination Blanchard admitted to leaving the party to avoid police but emphasized that he was not hiding from them when he was discovered on the floor of the porch.

He also confirmed that he told Thibodeau he would sue the officer as well as the city.

However, despite the young man's promise, Thibodeau did not lose his job and a judge ruled that the force used was necessary in order to make the arrest.

Cops complain of shortages on the front-line



Two Saskatoon police officers are very unhappy over problems they say stem from a shortage of beat cops.

The two cops, who wished to remain anonymous, explained that in some cases public complaints have gone unanswered for up to two hours and that a lack of police has meant that there is not always backup available in emergency cases.

One of the officers, with 25 years experience, says that the force has been lucky so far but tragedy is waiting to happen.

The officers explained that most often there are only two police cars patrolling the east side of the city, which leaves the area very vulnerable to crime.

With high school and universities gearing up in the early weeks of September, the officers were cringing at the thought of having to deal with the wave of drunk drivers and loud parties, as this would mean that such calls as garage break-ins would not be readily responded to.

Chief Owen Maguire acknowl-

Mountie killed while enroute to accident

An RCMP constable stationed in Digby, Nova Scotia, was killed and another was seriously injured in early September when their cruiser slid off the highway as they headed towards an accident scene.

A three year member of the force, Const. Claude Gagne, 30, originally from Quebec City was killed after the cruiser left Highway 217 at Seabrook, roughly 10 kilometres from Digby.

The driver of the vehicle, Const. Russell Manderville, is a two-year member of the force and hails from Kitchener, Ont.

Witnesses stated that speed was not a factor in the crash. An investigation is underway by RCMP from Halifax GHQ.

edged the police service is sometimes lacking in the number of cops patrolling the streets, but said that the safety of the public or police is never at risk.

The two officers stated that they are aware of the budget constraints placed on the police service, but question the way in which money is spent. The officers say that there are too many cops working in administrative positions.

According to deputy chief Norm Doell, in Saskatoon there are a total of four platoons with an average of 39 officers each in addition to 180 plainclothes officers. The rest of the force, some 320 members, work in administration.

Maguire said that the administrative posts are under review, but that sometimes it is hard for front-line officers to see the benefits of crime prevention programs.

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Infectious disease risks in law enforcement

by Beverley Cowan, RN, OOHN(C), COHN, CRSP



Law enforcement officers, by the requirements of the services they provide and the people they deal with, are potentially exposed to infectious diseases at a greater level than the general population. Often exposures are unknown and occur during crisis intervention. For this reason, it is imperative that law enforcement officers be aware of where and what infectious diseases are likely to occur and how they are spread.

For most officers, the only protection they are aware of is the wearing of surgical gloves. This provides some measure of safety and allows a certain comfort level in dealing with some situations. However, gloves are easily punctured and slashed. Also, the situations law enforcement officers become involved in can escalate to a potentially hazardous level very quickly without any opportunity for self-protection. Some infectious

disease exposure occurs from contact with the clothing and/or belongings of the citizens with whom they are dealing. Airborne infections, such as tuberculosis and influenza, may be contracted by being in the same confined area as the infected person.

Knowledge is the key to minimizing the risk of exposure. The higher the knowledge levels, the greater the risk reduction. It is not possible to totally eliminate exposure to those who are carriers of infectious diseases, but one can reduce the chances considerably by exercising caution.

In the United States, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established guidelines and health standards for both employers and employees, which outline methods to reduce the risks. OSHA recognizes that first response workers may be exposed to hazards as a result of exposure to blood and/or body fluids.

Canada will eventually have similar guidelines. Until that happens, the U.S. guidelines are the



standard to follow. The United States guidelines mandate Universal Precautions. Universal Precautions is a system or practise devised by the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. This system requires the assumption that blood and certain other body fluids are infectious for blood borne pathogens. It also requires the use of protective barriers (gloves) and the adjustment of workplace practices. The other body fluids include semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, pleural (lung) fluid, pericardial (heart) fluid, amniotic (childbirth) fluid, any body fluid contaminated with blood and any unfixed tissue or organ from a human (living or dead).

Because of the situations law enforcement officers are required to deal with, they should go beyond Universal Precautions and consider all sputum, urine and faecal matter from the citizens they deal with as contaminated.

Blood borne pathogens include Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Hepatitis B and Hepatitis. Other infectious diseases law enforcement officers are at risk of being exposed to are tuberculosis, meningitis, mumps, chicken pox, polio, influenza, cyclomegalo virus, scabies and pediculoses. The first seven are usually airborne, but infection can occur in a relatively simple way when infected persons cough and/or spit on their person and/or clothes and the officer has contact with same.

One of the first lines of defence is immunization protection for the diseases for which this is available. Most officers will have immunization for polio, though this is not always up-to-date. However, only some will be immunized for mumps, Hepatitis B and some strains of influenza.

The next line of defence is risk reduction. This can be managed by awareness as to where and what the potential exposure is and ensuring that one takes precautions against such exposure. The most effective procedure, offering the greatest protection, is proper and frequent hand washing. However, officers do not always have facilities available to do this when necessary. They should therefore carry on their person an antiseptic Bio-hand cleaner and use it until hand washing is available.

Officers are often in situations of exposure to blood and other potentially hazardous body fluids on their uniforms and/or equipment as well. Any exposure should be dealt with as quickly as possible by cleansing with a decontamination solution.

Officers should be aware of the risks associated with taking contaminated equipment and clothing into their homes, thus endangering their family members.

One obvious area to exercise caution is with prisoners, both before, during and after cell confinement. Often citizens being investigated and confined, eg. drug users, come from high risk behaviour groups. Holding and cell areas should be cleansed regularly with decontaminates.

When searching vehicles in areas that are not visible such as behind automobile upholstery, officers should use a baton or hard object rather than their hands. Contaminated paraphernalia can be easily stashed and officers have contracted Hepatitis B from needle sticks resulting from such searches.

Always be aware of the dangers of a simple needle stick. If it happens, let the wound bleed and treat it with an antiseptic, and see a physician as soon as possible for follow-up and treatment.

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Fuel cell instruments for evidential breath alcohol testing by Intoximeters Inc.



Increasing interest and attention is being directed toward Fuel Cell technology for breath alcohol testing. Although alcohol fuel cells were first developed in Austria in the early 1960's and the technology has been established in breath testing programs for over twenty years, recent regulatory and legislative events coupled with advances in fuel cell design and analytical techniques have focused attention on fuel cell technology. Its unique characteristics are perfectly suited to new regulatory and legislative requirements.

The Omnibus bill in the United States lowered the breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) of concern to 0.02 and 0.04 g/210L for safety sensitive positions in the industrial and transportation fields. In addition, juvenile testing requirements in numerous states are concerned with BrACs ranging from 0.00 to 0.02 g/210L. At these low concentrations many Infra-red breath testing instruments display erratic performance while fuel cells demonstrate consistent performance. Additionally fuel cells are specific for alcohols, have a wide linear range of accuracy and are relatively inexpensive.

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The Standard of Proof for Impairment

By Gino Arcaro

The Criminal Code of Canada does not define the term impairment nor does it specify the amount of evidence required to prove impairment.

Two distinctly different definitions and standards of impairment have been established by case law:

- (i) marked departure from sobriety, referring to a great degree of impairment. It does not include a slight degree;
- (ii) any departure from sobriety, referring to a great degree impairment including slight.

In April, 1994, the Saskatchewan Queen's Bench, in *R.v. MacCallum*, established a third standard for proving impairment: an accused's impairment must constitute a material danger to the public.

Marked Departure: This term was originally defined by the Alberta District Court in *R.v. McKenzie (1955)* as meaning beyond slight impairment. Reasonable grounds of marked departure cannot be formed by means of one single test. It requires a combination of observations relating to a person's appearance, deportment or conduct. The Alberta Court of Appeal, in *R.v. Smith (1992)*, supported this definition and standard.

Any Departure: Ontario courts have rejected the marked departure definition and have adopted the any departure standard.

In *R.v. Winlaw (1988)*, the Ontario district court stated that the Criminal Code does not specifically define impairment as meaning "marked departure", nor does it specify the degree of intoxication which constitute impairment. Consequently, impairment was defined as including slight impairment.

R.v. McCallum (1994) Sask. Q.B.

The Ontario Court of Appeal, in *R.v. Stellato (1993)* agreed that any degree of intoxication, even slight, constitutes reasonable grounds of impairment. The reasons were:

- (i) no Criminal Code definition exists that suggests a tolerance for any degree of impaired driving, and
- (ii) if Parliament had intended for impairment to mean "marked departure", it would have defined it as such in the Criminal Code.

The British Columbia and Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal have supported this standard.

Material Danger to the Public: this new standard was premised upon research and studies that led to over .08 legislation:

- .05% blood alcohol level indicates a slight degree of impairment.
- .08% blood alcohol level indicates materially impaired driving skills.
- .115% blood alcohol level indicates intoxication.

The Saskatchewan Q.B. stated that the crown has the onus to prove that an accused's ability to drive is materially impaired, constituting a material danger to the public. A material degree of impairment may be proven by an accused's confession or by circumstantial evidence consisting of an accused's conduct, judgment and communication skills. However, no universal standard of evidence exists. In this case, the combination of slurred speech, slight imbalance, bloodshot eyes, intemperate conduct and poor judgment sufficiently proved a material degree of impairment.

Essentially, this judgment states that the

level of impairment required to convict for impaired driving should be the same standard as over .08.

The McCallum case answered another question: does the fact that a combination of extreme fatigue, rage, or illness may worsen impairment by alcohol, constitute a defence? The court ruled that the effects of these factors on alcohol impairment does not constitute a defence.

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by Greg Cohen & Blair McQuillan

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By Morley Lyburner

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Joyce has had a long affinity for policing after marrying her husband Bill McLorn, a police officer from Glasgow, Scotland. They moved to Canada in 1972 with their two sons, who now work in the business with Joyce, and one daughter.

After the death of Bill in late 1979 Joyce continued to work in the same area of police and security distributorship in the greater Toronto region. In 1985 Joyce decided to start up her own modest company with a select number of products.

"I knew that having been married to a police officer alone did not give me the 'rite of passage' into the areas of selling to police departments," Joyce states, "I had to learn by listening and reacting to what the customer needs and wants. It was through this very process we decided to move into the area of Dog Handler equipment."

Joyce explained that earlier this year a

police officer from a local Canine Squad came to her Mississauga shop and in the middle of a casual conversation mentioned how difficult it was to find equipment in Canada for dogs. He went out to his car and returned with a very old U.S. catalogue for her to look at. Joyce advised she would look around for him and see what they could do.

When the officer returned in two weeks not only did Joyce inform him they had some dog handler equipment for him to look at but they were now the Canadian Canine Police Equipment suppliers. "The look on his face, gave us a great deal of pleasure," Joyce says with pride.

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Canada's Top Cops on the track

1995 Canadian and International Police Officers Motorcycle Championships



In August 1996 the Canadian Police Road Racing Team will be sending this team to the 6th World Police Motorcycles Championships at the famous Donnington Park race track in England. The recent winners of the Canadian Championships are Keven Cisaroski (centre left) Winnipeg Police, Lance Campbell (left) RCMP Toronto, Scott Spicer (centre right) Metro Toronto Police and Pierre Valiquette (right) RCMP Ottawa.

The summer of '95 will probably go down as one of the hottest in many years and, at the end of June on the motorcycle race track at Shannonville, Ontario not only was the weather hot but the police motorcycle race event was even hotter.

This race was the sixth annual event held in conjunction with the FAST Riding School at Shannonville to select the fastest Canadian police officers on two wheels. Public interest in the race included a film crew from CBC television doing an article on motorcycle cops, their daily work and their quest for faster safer riding.

There was a lot at stake for the three day event with invited 'foreign' competition from the U.S.A., Norway and top seeded racers from France. The Canadian officers, however, were primarily racing against each other to be selected to represent Canada in next years World Police races to be held at Donnington Park Grand Prix racetrack in England.

This year Canadian officers from as far away as British Columbia and Manitoba

were joined by both male and female officers from Ontario for this event. The top four Canadian racers would receive sponsorship to go to the 1996 World race event. Like their counterparts at the last world race in France in 1994 they will be the stars in the upcoming television show here in Canada on The Sports Network shortly after the race.

In this year's event a total of 26 officers put their motorcycle riding skills - and their egos - on the line to participate in the top police motorcycle event in Canada. Even inexperienced officers can join in and learn from professional racers how to improve their riding skills which can then be put to good use on their local highways. Safety information is passed on to show how most lives are lost in motorcycle crashes through excessive speed and alcohol abuse by civilian riders.

With the corporate support of companies including Labatt Breweries of Canada, Yamaha Motor Canada, B.M.W. Canada and Bridgestone Tires many Canadian

police officers attend motorcycle shows and other community events to promote highway safety. Their voluntary activities have been recognized as a significant community benefit both by corporate and police officials.

After a day of practise on the track getting familiar with the Yamaha motorcycles all of the Canadian police officers were settled in for the timed qualifying laps and it was clear to see after all of the sessions that the quality of racing of the "home" team had greatly improved since the first championship event in 1990.

Canada captured 3 of the 4 spaces in the first row of the starting grid for the final race with Kevin Cisaroski (Winnipeg) taking the pole position followed by Lance Campbell (R.C.M.P.), Jean Paul Juanola (France) and then Scott Spicer (Metro Toronto). The times however were so close together that only less of 1-1/2 second separated the top three riders.

Everyone returned to the host hotel in Belleville, the Quality Inn for a relaxing evening and to prepare for the final race day on Saturday. The only incident of the day was when one of the Norwegian police officers missed a gear change after racing down the long back straightaway, ran off the track and finally crashed against the perimeter fencing. Although the bike vaulted the fence and was a total wreck the rider escaped with only a severe bruising to his thigh. Once again proper safety gear soaked up most of the crash impact and the damage to the bike was covered in the rider's race fee.

On the final day of the event the sun continued to shine down at Shannonville. It was now in the minds of the racers that the heat on the surface of the track could perhaps affect the traction on tires that had been well used on the two previous days. The fastest 17 riders from the previous two days of riding drew the number of the motorcycle they were to use on this day. In the first of two 15 minute practice sessions held in the morning they went out on the track to get the feel for their particular bike. If necessary on their return to the pits they would have the mechanics from the

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On the second practise session the riders were now concentrating on their racing lines and minute decisions on braking and accelerating that might give them an edge over other riders. The formula used for the police racing is such that it really is the best rider and not the motorcycle that wins the race.

The top French rider Jean Paul Juanola - who was sent to Canada especially for the International race event - is only one of the "semi-pro" National French Police Force racers and being currently #10 in the European superbike race event was a favourite to win the race here. However the up and coming Canadian riders including Lance Campbell and Kevin Cisaroski with their extremely fast lap times from the previous days were certain to give their best and hopefully prevent a foreign domination of the race.

Since the first of the annual Canadian police events in 1990 the police riders have gained tremendous respect from both amateur and professional racers and as the racers paraded their race bikes to the starting line they were individually introduced by the track announcer to the public attending the weekend race event.

With the ceremonies finished the sixteen finalists took a warm up lap and on returning to the starting line were put into their starting positions ready for the start flag. One could virtually feel the concentration coming from the top four riders Cisaroski, Campbell, Juanola and Spicer as they revved their engines in anticipation of the drop of the flag.

Then suddenly, it was on. Going into the first corner it was Cisaroski, Juanola and Campbell followed closely by Spicer and Klaus Groeger from the USA. For the first four laps these positions were held by each rider although there was less than 5 seconds between the top riders.

Just behind this group another battle was in the making with the old rivals from the first years of the race event Svein Kaasin of Norway and Pierre Valiquette of the RCMP (who had won the Canadian championship 3 times but had been absent from the track for the past 2 years) locked together each waiting for the other to perhaps make a slight mistake somewhere on the 35 kilometres of the race. For them there might not be a winning title this year but each had two objectives- to ride safely and to get to the finish line before the other one.

The close racing continued for the remaining laps of the race and when it came to the final lap it was still Jean Paul Juanola of France in the lead with only a

bike length separating him from Kevin Cisaroski. On the entry to the final corner of the race they both overtook a slower rider and accelerated to the chequered flag with Lance Campbell - last year's Canadian champion - only 3 bike lengths behind. These riders were followed to the finish line within the next ten seconds by Klaus Groeger of the California Highway Patrol followed by Spicer of Canada, Kaasin of Norway and then Valiquette of Canada.

All racers returned to the pit area safely, each one having good reason to be proud of what they had achieved over the three days of the event. Not only had they improved their riding skills through the instruction they had received but had shown to themselves and others that fast motorcycle riding is safer on the racetrack.

At the beginning of August next year Kevin Cisaroski of Winnipeg Police, Lance Campbell, R.C.M.P. (Toronto), Scott Spicer, Metro Toronto and Pierre Valiquette, R.C.M.P. (Ottawa) will be representing Canada for the 6th World Police Motorcycle Championships at the famous Donnington Park race track in England. Special package travel arrangements are being made and any police officers and their family members are invited to join the Canadian party for what should be a very special holiday.

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LETTERS To The Editor

Excellent article on Calgary's new chopper! This excites me, but in the short-sightedness of many organizations it remains a dream for the most part.

J. A. MacDonald
White Rock, British Columbia

Editor's Notes

Don't be so negative. Things are happening. Canadians are painfully cautious about many things. It used to be computerization and firearms. Today it's helicopter patrols. It will arrive simply because the economics and effectiveness of the concept is too attractive to ignore any longer.

I would first like to congratulate you on an excellent publication. I am another one of many officers who has decided to subscribe to your magazine myself.

I've been with the RCM Police nine years now and have read your articles throughout my service. I first started in the Maritimes and am now posted with the Musical Ride in Ottawa.

I truly enjoy reading your case law and other articles while on tour. I will not have done any active patrol work for about three years when I leave the Ride and do not wish to lose touch with the active police lifestyle. Your publication allows me to keep abreast of all the new changes.

Keep up the good work.

Don Dupasquier
Ottawa, Ontario

I finally got a copy of your new TEN-SEVEN magazine. I like the format, and the information that is within. You have another fine publication. I've been reading Blue Line almost since it first came out, and I have found it invaluable. In particular your case law is written well before normal channels filter it down to the front line officers. Keep up the good work.

Robert Vinet
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Patch Profile

by Al Evans



Since 1885, Calgary has been protected by the Calgary Police Service. The members of this 1,100 member service wear, as part of their uniform, a modified version of the City of Calgary's official crest. The original crest was adopted by city council as the Corporate seal on March 6, 1902. On September 16, 1987, a redesigned crest became the registered trademark of the Calgary Police Service. The crest is also incorporated into official police insignia other than the shoulder flash.

The upper one-third of the shield shows the Rocky Mountains; the lower two-thirds bears the red cross of St. George on which is mounted the

Canadian maple leaf. Inset on the maple leaf is a bull buffalo, the former master of the region. The supporters, a horse and steer, represent the original wealth on which the city grew.

The crest above the shield contains a corona muralis (a symbol of loyalty) and a westerling sun. Below the shield are the Leek of Wales, the rose of England, the Thistle of Scotland and the Shamrock of Ireland, signifying the ancestry of our early settlers. Surrounding the crest is a ring of maple leaves symbolizing Calgary's corporate boundaries and the limit of police jurisdiction.

Calgary presently has a population of over 600,000 and was established as a town in 1884 and then a city in 1893 when its population grew to over 4,000.

The population of this city remained fairly stable until the turn of the century. In the ten year period from 1901 to 1911 the city grew from 4,000 to over 40,000. This population increase once again bloomed between 1950 to 1960 when it doubled to 250,000 and then doubled again up to 1981. Needless to say this police service has had considerable experience with growth and crime management.

Al Evans is an avid patch collector and a past member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Medicine Hat Police Department. He is still an active member of the International Police Association.

Al has been diagnosed with *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis* (A.L.S.) better known as *Lou Gehrig's Disease* which is at present incurable and untreatable.

Al is no longer able to work and one of the few hobbies he still enjoys is Police Patch Collecting. His goal is to have the largest and most complete police patch and memorabilia collection in the country. He wishes to turn this collection over to Chief Bill Spring for display with the Medicine Hat Police Department.

Al has agreed to share some of his knowledge in a monthly column about the more interesting patches in his collection. If you have an interesting or extra patch of your agency it would be appreciated if it could be donated to this worthwhile collection. Send all donations to:

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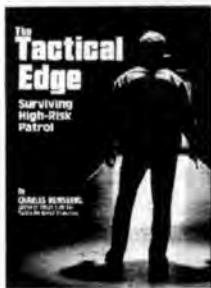
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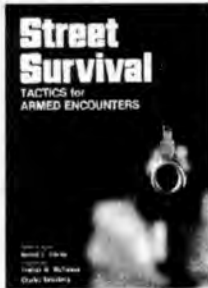
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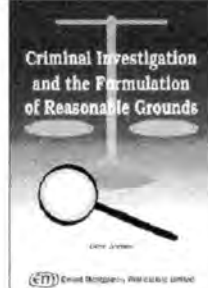
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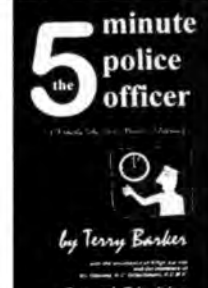
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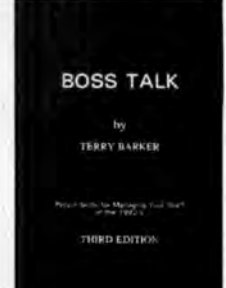
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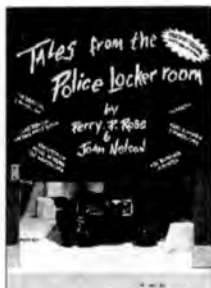
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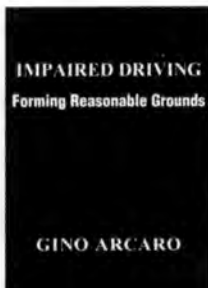
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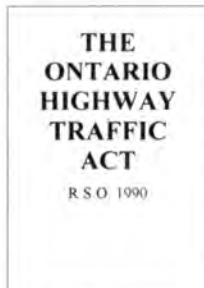
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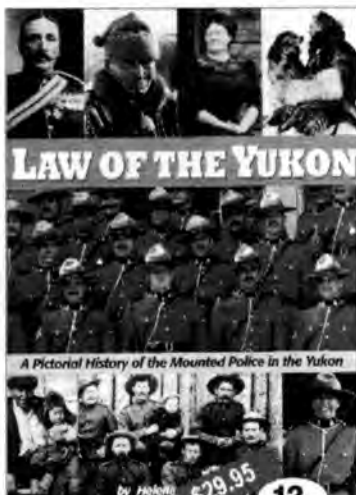
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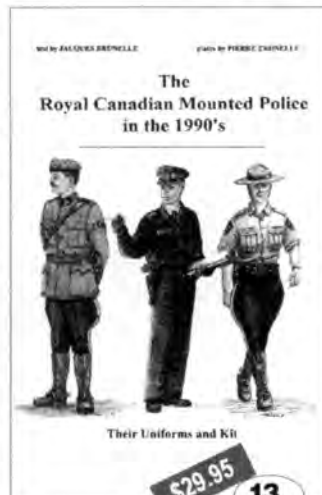
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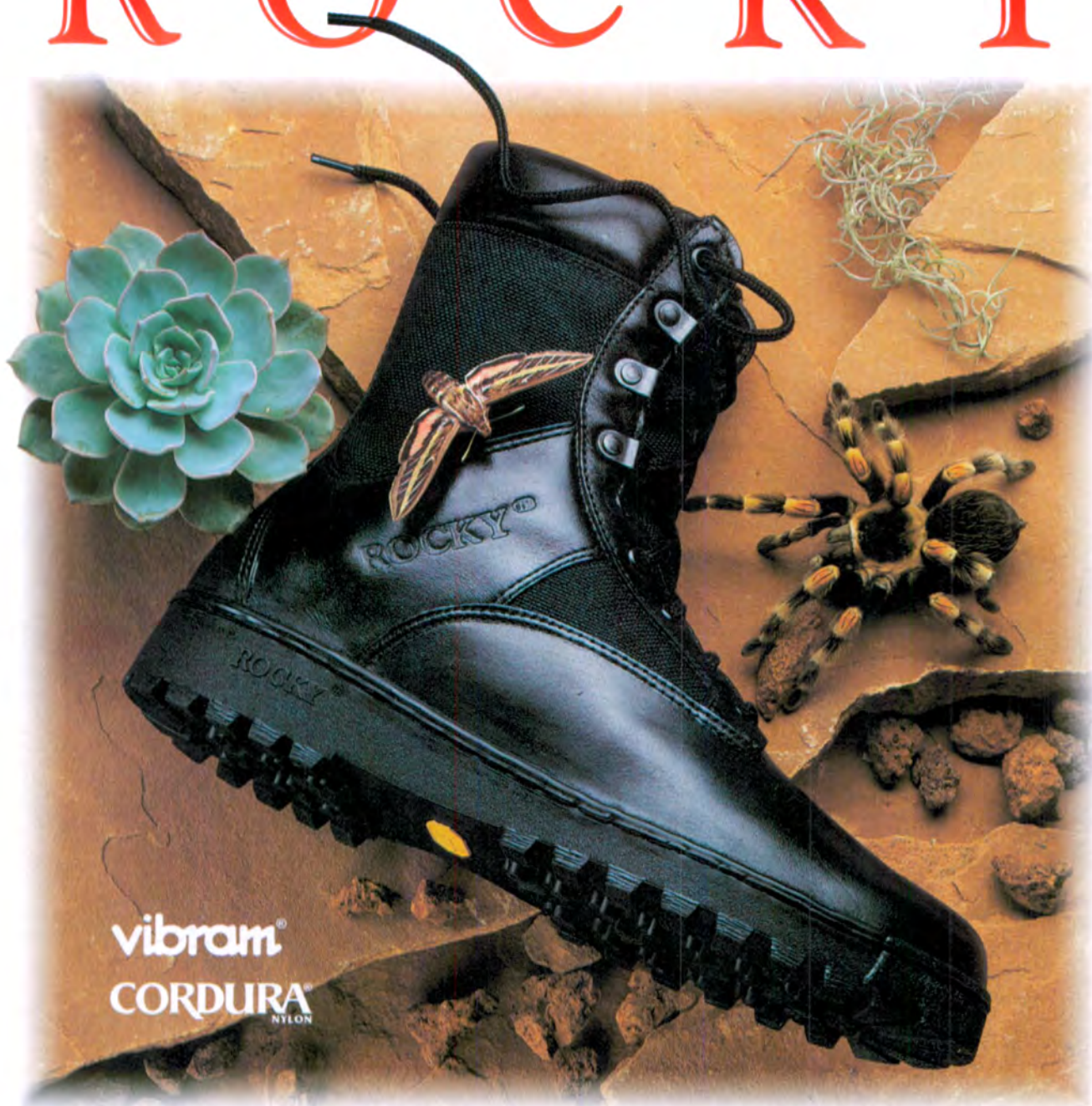
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