



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: 2017 March 21

SUBJECT: Table of Rewards Update and Rewards Renewal

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC) approves the following recommendations:

- ◆ Renew rewards set to expire in 2017. All rewards are to be updated annually in April of each year.
- ◆ Approve five (5) new reward requests.
- ◆ Remove One (1) reward as the case has been solved.

INTRODUCTION:

This report will provide information, present recommendations for action and update the EPC on the rewards for unsolved homicides. Rewards are scheduled for renewal every three years.

BACKGROUND:

At present there are thirty one (31) outstanding homicide rewards and one (1) reward posted for Arson. Of these rewards, sixteen (16) homicide rewards are scheduled to expire in 2017. One (1) of these rewards will not be requested to be renewed. Five (5) new rewards are being forwarded for consideration in 2017.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

The rewards scheduled for renewal are:

1. **92-58498 Adolph GURNICK** expiry: **2017 Oct 20**

Adolph GURNICK was found in the lane at the rear of 12943-122 street on May 02, 1992. He had been struck in the head and suffered numerous stab wounds to his chest area. It is believed he was the victim of a "mugging".

2. **94-64346 Avion BROWN expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On July 03, 1994 the body of Avion BROWN was found by custodians in a vehicle which was in the parking lot of Minchau School located at 3615 - Millwoods Road East. Mr. Brown had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

3. **96-114585 Joanne GHOSTKEEPER expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

Police found the body of Joanne GHOSTKEEPER on December 25, 1996 at #84, 11925 - 34 Street, after her father contacted police when he could not reach his daughter by telephone for several days. She had been strangled to death.

4. **97-93672 Izaak MIDDLETON expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On September 19, 1997 Izaak MIDDLETON and two friends were standing outside the Thunderdome nightclub at 99 Street and Argyll Road when they were approached by a group of 10 to 15 unidentified males. The two groups exchanged words and a foot chase ensued. During the chase and ensuing struggle, Izaak MIDDLETON was fatally stabbed in the chest.

5. **75-32168 Karen EWANCIW expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On April 24, 1975 11 year old Karen EWANCIW was found in a remote park area in the river valley. She had been badly beaten and sexually assaulted. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to her head.

6. **99-3862 Carlos MEJIA expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On January 11, 1999 the body of Carlos MEJIA was found by his daughter in the bedroom of their home located at 13312 - 47 Street. Mr. MEJIA had been stabbed to death.

7. **83-190873 Charlotte Hazel BAAS expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On December 18, 1983 there was a fire at the victim's residence at 10606 - 151 Avenue. The fire was deliberately set and ruled as Arson. The victim died of smoke inhalation.

8. **97-62387 Robin THORN expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On June 27, 1997 the body of Robin THORN (11 months) was located in the bedroom of his residence at 11406 - 97 street. The cause of death was numerous puncture wounds to the abdomen and chest.

9. **98-80982 Lisa KOPF expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On August 5, 1998 the body of Lisa KOPF was found partially submerged in mud and water, on the edge of a slough of a farmer's field in the area of 184 Street and 118 Avenue. The victim had been drowned.

10. **98-113963 Wayne KREUTZ expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On October 31, 1998 at approximately 6:12 p.m., Wayne KREUTZ was closing the front gates of his car lot located at 15608 - 128 Avenue when he was shot by an unknown individual. Investigations have shown that this murder was planned and deliberate, and that the killer had laid in wait for KREUTZ.

11. **02-128087 Travis KOPE expiry: 2017 Oct 20**

On October 17, 2002 police were called to a residence on a report of a shooting. Travis KOPE was out at his vehicle, when another vehicle pulled up and several shots were fired. Travis KOPE was shot multiple times.

12. **03-062274 Samuel SAGONIUK expiry: 2017 Apr 17**

On May 23, 2003 police and paramedics responded to the residence at #2, 10434-95 Street. Samuel SAGONIUK was discovered deceased laying on the floor suffering from multiple stab wounds.

13. **06-158793 Dylan McGILLIS expiry: 2017 Apr 17**

On November 19, 2006 Dylan McGILLIS and his friends were swarmed and beaten by a large group of males after getting into an altercation outside a bar on Whyte Avenue. McGILLIS was fatally stabbed during the incident.

After an exhaustive and involved investigation an arrest was made on June 21, 2011. Cleophas DECOINE-ZUNIGA (1987 August 22) was charged with Aggravated Assault for his part in the attack on McGILLIS. However, the individual responsible for inflicting the fatal stab wound has still not been positively identified or charged. No reward money was paid out in relation to the arrest of DECOINE-ZUNIGA.

14. **05-77350 Dilbag SANDHU expiry: 2017 Sep 22**

On 2005 June 17 at approximately 0050hrs, two masked individuals entered the Mac's convenience store located at 4412-36 ave, Edmonton Alberta. They were wearing gloves, hoodies and caps and cannot be identified. One of the males was armed with a sawed off shotgun.

The male clerk was forced to the floor behind the cash desk while the suspects filled the green garbage bag with packs of cigarettes. When the bag was filled, both suspects fled through the store towards the front doors, however prior to exiting the premises they were confronted by a second employee, SANDHU, Dilbag (76Jan01) who had been in the back storage area during the actual robbery. SANDHU was shot once in the abdomen. He fell to the floor and died moments later.

15. 12-117711 Chi Lik WONG expiry: 2017 Sep 22

On 2012 September 09, Chi Lik WONG was shot and killed outside his residence after returning home from work at his restaurant.

16. 14-162758 David LABELLE NEW REWARD REQUESTED

A new monetary reward is requested to be approved for a three year term in the matter of the homicide of David LABELLE who was murdered on 2014 Nov 02. David LABELLE was shot inside a residence at 13327-155 ave, with several persons present at the time.

17. 16-78167 Gherezghiher (Gary) YEMANE NEW REWARD REQUESTED

A new monetary reward is requested to be approved for a three year term in the matter of the homicide of Gary YEMANE who was murdered on 2016 May 27. Gary YEMANE was out for an evening walk in NE Edmonton when he was randomly targeted and shot multiple times in the area of Ozerna Road.

18. 16-65889 Robert LOYER NEW REWARD REQUESTED

A new monetary reward is requested to be approved for a three year term in the matter of the homicide of Robert LOYER who was murdered on 2016 May 05. Robert LOYER was found seriously injured in the area of 106 ave and 96st and later died from his injuries. Several persons were seen fleeing the area. Robert Loyer died as a result of blunt force trauma.

19. 16-166397 DURAN IBANEZ, Leonardo NEW REWARD REQUESTED

A new monetary reward is requested to be approved for a three year term in the matter of the homicide of Leonardo DURAN IBANEZ who was murdered on 2016 Nov 13. Leonardo DURAN IBANEZ was walking home late at night with a friend in the area of 119 ave and 97 st when he was confronted by a group of males and females. He was physically assaulted and died as a result of those injuries.

20. 08-136304 Dylan KOSHMAN

NEW REWARD REQUESTED

A new monetary reward is requested to be approved for a three year term in the matter of the suspicious disappearance of Dylan KOSHMAN. Dylan KOSHMAN went missing on 2008 Oct 11 from the residence at 10404-33 ave. The circumstances of his disappearance are very suspicious and he has not been heard or seen since that date. Homicide Section has taken over the investigation.

21. 97-46369 James MILLIKEN

Reward not to be renewed

On May 17, 1997 James MILLIKEN was walking with 3 other individuals across the parking lot of Abbotsfield Mall located at 118 Avenue and 34 Street. They became involved with a group of 12 to 16 individuals and a verbal exchange occurred. The larger group surrounded Mr. MILLIKEN and his friends and a physical altercation ensued. During this altercation Mr. MILLIKEN was fatally stabbed in the chest.

In Sept 2016 Darren YOUNG was convicted for the murder of James MILLIKEN. No reward money was paid out. This reward is no longer required.

CONCLUSION:

Fifteen (15) investigations remain unsolved.

There are 5 new rewards being forwarded for consideration at this time which also remain unsolved. It is hoped the posting of rewards will solicit information to advance the investigations.

One (1) reward is not required to be renewed. The case was solved.

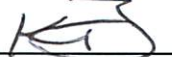
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

- Attachment 1 - Table of Rewards Currently Posted as of 2016 December 31

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Date: 2017-03-28

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Table of Rewards Currently Posted as of December 31, 2016

<u>Date Posted</u>	<u>Name of Victim/File #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
27-Jul-92	GURNICK, Adolph File #92-58498	\$40 000.00	Current - Increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at EPC meeting 1996-02-05 then to \$20,000 on 1996-10-07 and then to \$40,000 on 07/21/1997. Renewed July 25, 2001 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
12-Sep-94	BROWN, Avion File #94-64346	\$40 000.00	Current - Increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at EPC meeting 1996-07-22 and then to \$20,000 on 1996-10-07 and then to \$40,000 on 1997-07-21. Renewed 2000-03-15. Renewed 2001-03-21. Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
21-Jul-97	GHOSTKEEPER, Joanne File #96-114585	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 1997-07-21. Renewed July 25, 2001 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
18-Mar-98	MIDDLETON, Izaak File #97-93672	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 1998-03-18. Renewed 2001-03-21. Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
15-Apr-98	MILLIKEN, James File #97-46369	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 1998-04-15. Renewed 2000-06-21, Renewed 2001-06-20 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
20-May-98	EWANCIW, Karen File #75-32168	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 1998-05-20. Originally set at \$2,000 on 1975-12-31 but not renewed 1987-12-31. Renewed 2001-04-18 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years. Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
19-Jan-00	MEJIA, Carlos File #99-3862	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2000-01-19. Renewed 2002-01-16 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
10-Apr-00	BAAS, Charlotte Hazel File #83-190873	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2000-04-10. Renewed 2001-04-18 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years

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10-Apr-00	THORN, Robin File #97-62387	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2000-04-10. Renewed 2001-04-18 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
21-Jun-00	KOPF, Lisa File #98-80982	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2000-06-21 Renewed 2001-06-20 Renewed 2002-10-23 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
18-Oct-00	KREUTZ, Wayne File #98-113963	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2000-10-18 Renewed 2001-10-17, Renewed 2002-01-16(for Renewed 2002-01-16 for three years Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
17-Oct-02	KOPE, Travis File #02-128087	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2004-01-21(for one year) Renewed 2005-10-19 for three years Renewed 2008-10-16 for three years Renewed 2011-10-20 for three years Renewed 2014-10-16 for three years
03-Jan-04	HUSSAIN, Mir File #04-2756	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2005-01-06 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2007-10-17 for three years Renewed 2010-10-21 for three years Renewed 2013-10-17 for three years Renewed 2016-10-20 for three years
18-May-04	BLACK, aka FORD, Cheryl File #04-63992	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2005-01-06 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2007-10-17 for three years Renewed 2010-10-21 for three years Renewed 2013-10-17 for three years Renewed 2016-10-20 for three years
20-Nov-04	NGUYEN, Huy Le File #04-149719	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2005-01-19 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2007-10-17 for three years Renewed 2010-10-21 for three years Renewed 2013-10-17 for three years Renewed 2016-10-20 for three years
20-Apr-05	SAGONIUK, Samuel File #03 - 62274	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2005-04-20 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2008-04-17 for three years Renewed 2011-04-17 for three years Renewed 2014-04-17 for three years
21-Sep-05	SANDHU, Dilbag File #05 - 77350	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2005-09-21 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2008-09-25 for three years Renewed 2011-09-22 for three years Renewed 2014-09-18 for three years
05-Oct-05	DECOTEAU, Rose File #05-130155	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2006-01-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2009-04-16 for three years. Renewed 2012-04-19 for three years. Renewed 2015-04-16 for three years.
17-Apr-08	MCGILLIS, Dylan File #06-158793	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2008-04-17 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2011-04-17 for three years Renewed 2014-04-17 for three years

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19-Feb-09	MEER, Christopher David File #07-179604 (Perpetrator)	\$25 000.00	Current - Set at EPC meeting 2009-02-19 (for three (3) years) for Christopher David Meers apprehension/return to Canada. Renewed 2012-02-16 for three years Renewed 2015-02-19 for three years
18-Mar-10	ABDALLA, Omar/Mohammad File #06-021835	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	BULGAK, Deng File #07-066268	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	RING, Juk File #07-066268	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	HASSAN, Farhan File #07-126742	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	MOHAMED, Kasim File #07-126742	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	SAID, Nasir File #08-122002	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	ABUKAR, Abas File #08-143165	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	MOHAMOUD, Abdul File #08-158203	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	ABDIRAHMAN, Ahmed File #08-158598	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	ISSE, Abdulaziz File #09-154943	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Mar-10	MOHAMED, Rohleh File #09-162940	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2010-03-18 (for three (3) years). Renewed 2013-03-21 for three years Renewed 2016-03-17 for three years
18-Sep-14	WONG, Chi Lik File #12-117711	\$40 000.00	Current - Set at EPC Meeting 2014-09-18 (for three (3) years).
CURRENT TOTAL (EPS Portion):		\$1 265 000.00	

SOURCE: Edmonton Police Commission files (Chris Skaggs)
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