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PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER RALPH GOODALE IS DEMANDING TOUGHER POLICIES ON PRISONER TRANSFERS TO INDIGENOUS LODGES

After a recent decision to transfer Terri-Lynne McClintic to the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge for Aboriginal Women, the Prime Minister received significant heat from the public and the Conservative party. McClintic was found guilty of kidnapping and murdering eight year-old, Tori Stafford and is not eligible for parole until 2031.

[Aboriginal healing lodges](#) are correctional institutions that operate based on Aboriginal values to design and offer services and programs for offenders. For women, they are minimum to medium-security facilities while for men, they are minimum-security. These institutions are also available to non-aboriginals, so long as their risk meets the institution's eligibility. Specifically, the Okimaw Ohci lodge is located in the middle of a forest in rural Saskatchewan and is surrounded by marked boundaries rather than fencing. When an offender is considered unmanageable, they are transferred to a higher-security institution.

When the decision to transfer McClintic to this institution was uncovered, there was an uproar in the community. In fact, there was a [Conservative motion](#)

QUICK LINKS

Chat & text Support

CRCVC has launched its new text support! This has been set in place to support victims of crime who wish to access information as well as emotional support. You'll be receiving texts from our trained staff members who are able and willing to support you and your needs. Our number is 1-(613)-208-0747

You didn't get a reply right away? That's okay! We can send a text back during our hours of operation (see below). Our live chat is also still available. Hoping to connect with you soon!

Hours of Operation:

- Monday 8:00pm – 1:00am EST
- Tuesday 8:00pm – 12:00am EST
- Thursday 5:00pm–1:00am EST

Criminal Justice Updates

Alek Minassian, the accused of the deadly [Toronto van attack](#), is expected in court to face 10 counts of first-degree murder.

A Vancouver Island man, Edward Gary Bolderson, is sentenced to [30 months in prison](#) for molesting his young neighbour over a 2 year period and her friend on one occasion.

Paul Bernardo is denied parole after not understanding the gravity of his crimes. [Learn more.](#)



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to overturn the decision to transfer her. With a heated debate in the House of Commons between Prime Minister Trudeau and the Conservative Party, the decision was not reversed. The Liberal Party, following Correctional Service of Canada policies was questioned, with the Conservative Party in the forefront, wondering why McClintic would be serving her life sentence in a healing lodge. Shortly after the public response to the transfer, she was moved out of the healing lodge to a medium security prison in Edmonton.

In response, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, stated this is a larger issue. He has ordered the Correctional Service of Canada, to review not only the decision for this specific case but also the policy at large. One of his major concerns is regarding the lack of a "[directly controlled perimeter](#)" in these institutions. By altering the rules surrounding prisoner transfers such as the McClintic case, he is hopeful that the public's confidence in the correctional system will improve.

ACTION FINALLY BEING TAKEN BY RCMP FOLLOWING MASS EXPOSURE ON CRA TELEPHONE SCAMS

An investigative story told by CBC's [Marketplace](#) exposed the organized crime ring of scammers defrauding thousands of Canadians of their life savings, with the majority of these false call centres operating from India. Since 2014 the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) (CAFA) has calculated over 74,000 complaints from people being scammed by fake agents claiming to work for the Canadian Revenue Agency. However, since fewer than 5% of fraudulent acts are reported, the real number is thought to be much higher. CAFA believe over 15 million dollars have been taken by these scammers and that number is expected to continue climbing. Despite these complaints dating back to 2014, only recently has this story has been exposed to the public and, finally, in the past month, some arrests have been made in India.

The [fraud scheme](#) typically starts with an automated message that threatens to have the recipient arrested for unpaid taxes. If the person calls back, they are further threatened by someone claiming to be an

Correctional investigator Ivan Zinger, is calling on the federal government to increase control and resources to [Indigenous communities](#) to address their over-incarceration.

The new popular game called [Fortnite](#) is being used for sextortion by certain online users.

Doug Ford hid [sexual misconduct allegation](#) to protect accuser.

In other news:

A lawyer, Douglas Judson is offering free legal representation for individuals being [defamed](#) by a Facebook page website.

Ottawa Legal Help Centre is closing December 14 leading to public outcry. [Learn more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ottawa Monthly Drop-in Support Group for "Loss to Violence"

The drop-in support group will return in December for family members of homicide victims. This group addresses a gap in the community and offers a place for peers to support each other in healing. Please "like" the CRCVC on [Facebook](#), in order to keep updated about the time/location of the gathering, as it is subject to change. We welcome all family and loved ones to join us!

When: December 20th, 2018

Time: 7:15-9:15 pm

Where: TBD



agent of the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA).

Generally, the demographic of the victims include the elderly and newcomers to the country who might not know how some Canadian government agencies work. Unfortunately, the money victims have lost is unlikely to ever be found or returned to victims. Due to the fact that so much of the funds are in [cryptocurrency](#), defined as a “digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.”, the money is untraceable and thus unreturnable.

Even though the [CRA claims](#) that their agents do not contact taxpayers via telephone, you may receive a legitimate CRA call. Should that happen, know they will never threaten you with arrests or jail time, nor will they ever request you make an immediate transfer via debit card e-transfers, bitcoins, and/or gift cards.

Since the investigation was broadcasted on CBC, the RCMP felt a great deal of pressure from the public to take action. As a result, India's Central Bureau of Investigations is now working with a RCMP liaison officer permanently based in India's capital so that legal action can be taken in India to stop the actions at the source. Those already arrested are facing a series of fraud related charges, as explained by [CBC](#). More raids and arrests are expected to take place in the near future.

What to do in case you are a victim of a scam?

- End all communications with the scammers. In the case of a fake CRA agent calling you, hang up your phone and/or don't return their phone call should they leave a voicemail telling you to return a call.
- Avoid making any major financial decisions until you believe your accounts are secure.
- Keep any records of possible transactions you've made (i.e., correspondents with scammers, receipts, financial statements, anything that shows documentation relating to the scam and/or scammers.)
- Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and file a report.
- If you believe you have been a victim, more information can be found [here](#)

Vicarious Trauma: Strategies for Resilience

About: Workshop focusing on identifying vicarious growth and trauma. Teaches the tools necessary to develop a plan to repair negative effects and ensure resilience.

When: December 4, 2018,
9am-4pm

Where: Holiday Inn
Conference Centre,
Edmonton, Alberta

Cost: \$235

[Register here.](#)

Mental Health First Aid

About: Two-day course focusing on the four most common mental health disorders.

When: December 17th-19th,
2018

Time: 9am-4:30pm EST

Where: TBD, Waterloo,
Ontario

Cost: \$160

[Register here.](#)

SNAPSHOTS

New Technology is used as a form of abuse against women

Homes that are equipped with the newest modern technology are being used to monitor, stalk and intimidate. Ferial Nijem, who recently moved into one of these homes experienced 'tech abuse' from her partner at the time. She explains "you're never outside the reach of your abuser". In this specific case, the technology was used as a means to monitor her every



THE CANADIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS FREED MANY OFFENDERS OF VIOLENT CRIMES ALL AGAINST THE PLEAS OF VICTIM'S FAMILIES

A Canadian offender given a "life sentence" for first-degree murder can expect to get out of jail in only 22.4 years, according to [2002 numbers](#) from Correctional Service of Canada. The Canadian justice system (CJS) has freed serial killers, child murderers, mass shooters, cop killers, cannibals and even terrorists according to the statistics.

Below is a short list of offenders who have been released against the pleas of victims' families.

- In the case of the transfer of Lynne McClintic (convicted murderer of eight y/o Tori Stafford - who had been transferred to a low-security healing lodge after eight years in federal prison), these releases have almost always occurred despite the fervent appeals of victims' families. The National Post wrote an article listing a few of the violent offenders that had been released on parole.
- In the case of Vince Li, who stabbed seatmate Tim McLean to death on a Greyhound bus in 2008. Recently, Li was found not criminally responsible for the murder, was granted an absolute discharge from psychiatric care in 2017, effectively removing any ability for the justice system to monitor his movements and actions. Carol de Delley, McLean's mother, opposed the release, saying there was no way to ensure that Li wouldn't forsake his medication and harm again.
- In 1980, Craig Munro was robbing a Toronto restaurant when he shot Const. Michael Sweet, an officer attempting to intervene. Over a 90-minute standoff, Munro held off any attempt to secure medical care for the seriously wounded officer. In 2010, Munro was deemed a "moderate" risk to reoffend, Munro was granted unescorted passes from a B.C. minimum security prison. His unescorted passes were revoked in 2012 when he tested positive for cocaine and was found to be consorting with prostitutes. To this day, Munro is able to re-apply for parole [every two years](#).

movement.

With an expected growth of 60 per cent for the market of smart-home devices which would allow individuals to connect to their home devices, concern has been increasing. Laurie Lile, an advocate for victims of domestic violence states that it "can quickly turn into a method to control, stalk and cause mental anguish for their partner".

With an increasing number of these types of cases, there is a pressing need to develop laws and protective policies that deal with this form of abuse. When there are advancements in technology that can cause harm, it is vital that our legislation also adapts.

[Learn more.](#)

Drink spiking is becoming a rising issue in Halifax

A recent incident in Halifax is suspected to be yet another [drink tampering case](#). After waking up in her bedroom not being able to recollect anything from the previous night, a 19 year-old was left being scared and anxious of what could have happened.

In this case, she was lucky enough to be brought home by two strangers who had found her unconscious, lying on a sidewalk. She explains, "my situation could have been a hundred times worse, someone could have done anything to me, those guys were so nice, I was really



- Canada's youngest mass murderer, [Jasmine Richardson](#), was only 12 years old when she had her 23-year-old boyfriend Jeremy Steinke break into her Medicine Hat home to murder her parents and her eight-year-old brother (to prevent him becoming a witness). Richardson was completely freed after 8.5 years in prison, with one judge saying that her murdered parents "would be rather proud" of her rehabilitation.

INTRODUCTION OF CLARE'S LAW IN SASKATCHEWAN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic abuse is a recurring problem throughout Canada and specifically, a prominent issue within the province of Saskatchewan. CBC News has discovered that Saskatchewan has the highest rates of domestic violence among the other provinces. In particular, [Statistics Canada](#) has released a 2015 statistical profile that shows Ontario with 226 reported cases of domestic violence per 100,000 people, whereas Saskatchewan has 5,975 reported cases (666 cases per 100,000 people). Given their high rates, Saskatchewan has become the first Canadian province to introduce legislation that is designed to [minimize domestic violence](#).

The introduction of legislation was brought forward after the 2009 United Kingdom [Case of Clare Wood](#). As reported by BBC News, this case involved a woman named Clare Wood who was unaware that her now ex-partner George Appleton, whom she had met online had a history of domestic violence. His criminal history included the kidnapping of a woman at knifepoint for 12 hours and a number of cases of harassment. Wood ended this relationship with Appleton after discovering his involvement with other women online. The break-up was not taken well by Appleton, who continued to harass his ex-girlfriend, even breaking down her door a week before her death. In 2008, after spending Christmas with her father, Wood went home and was never heard from again. Early in the new year, her body was found.

Based on the Clare Wood Case, Justice Minister Don

lucky".

There have been other women who made reports of similar incidents in numerous Halifax bars. According to the RCMP Chief Superintendent, these types of crimes are often underreported which makes it difficult to prosecute.

There has been a strong encouragement from police and RCMP crime analyst Sheila Serfas, to come forward and report these incidents. She states "You can't track what you don't know".

A diagnosed pedophile is fighting the community for his freedom and is seeking to work with sexually abused children

Kristopher Gin, who is currently being treated in a psychiatric hospital near London ON, was denied appeal by the Parole Board

Despite being deemed as a danger to the public, he is slowly moving towards community living where he has been granted numerous community passes in recent years. Although the charges that put him in detention did not involve child victims, he still continues to harbor sexual interest towards children.

During his latest Board review, Gin expressed his interest in working with vulnerable children. The treatment team at the



Morgan has introduced "Clare's Law" to the Criminal Justice System. According to the [Department of Justice](#) (Chapter 7), the Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Act (Clare's Law) "gives police in select jurisdictions the direction to disclose to victims or potential victims of domestic abuse information about their partners violent past". With this in place, the Department of Justice claims that this project will help prevent individuals from family violence under certain circumstances.

In hope for a better future for women, Don Morgan stated that they "have seen too many cases of interpersonal, domestic, and sexual violence in our province". "If we are unable to identify risk and inform those at risk, how do we [hope to protect people](#) in Saskatchewan from violent and abusive behaviour by a partner?. Accordingly, Clare's Law is working towards the reduction of this risk, in hopes that with the allowance of this disclosure of criminal history, there will be a decrease in the amount domestic violence victims in the future.

Although Clare's law has the potential to benefit current and potential victims in terms of risk, the public may argue that there are potential issues concerning privacy with the breaching of personal information. According to the [Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act](#), Section 10.1 (3) explains that "an organization may disclose personal information without the knowledge or consent of the individual if: (b) the disclosure is made solely for the purposes of reducing the risk of harm to the individual that could result from the breach or mitigating that harm". In other words, if an individual is at risk of harm that could potentially be caused by their intimate partner's past, that person or a third party should be notified so they can possibly mitigate that risk. Therefore, the privacy of an individual can be breached under the circumstances where that information could prevent potential harm for another individual.

In May 2018, a Domestic Violence Review was released where 19 recommendations based on education, assessment and intervention were made. From this, CBC has stated that the government is starting to incorporate some of the recommendations

hospital has stated their concerns regarding his lack of insight of desiring to work with the vulnerable sector when he has been diagnosed as a pedophile. We are hoping that the Parole Board is diligent before releasing him into the community.

[Learn more.](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Police-reported sexual assaults in Canada after the #MeToo movement

Following the #MeToo social media movement in October 2017, a significant increase of sexual assaults were reported to the police the following three-months. In fact, the average number of reports per day went from 59 before the movement to [79 per day](#) after the movement.

In this study, it was found that this major increase did not reflect a rise of prevalence in sexual assaults, rather it illustrates a higher willingness from victims to come forth. The extensive media coverage the movement received was likely a contributing factor to a higher amount of reports. Canadians were more aware and educated on what constitutes a sexual assault.



as follows: the enactment of the Clare's law, enforcement of "Kids on the Block" (KOTB) and "Kids Matter" programs in Northern Saskatchewan, more crisis workers, and having an increased development of the children exposed to violent (CEV) program. Based on these suggestions, the province of Saskatchewan has begun to spend upwards of [20 million dollars in funding](#) for prevention and interventions services which includes funding domestic violence transition house, sexual assault centres, and family outreach services.

In support of the introduction of Clare's Law, a CBC interview provided a statement from Jo-Anne Dusel who was part of the review panel and is confident that it will lead to prevention of domestic violence if education is provided to children. Ultimately, she claims that "(Clare's Law) can be helpful as long as people in the community are ready to be more than a bystander and actually warn those that may be getting into relationships with known abusers,".

Sexual assault related distress and drinking: the influence of daily reports of social support and coping control

History of sexual assault is often associated with increased distress and [coping by heavy drinking](#). The goal of the study was to examine the moderating influence of perceived coping control and social support on the event-level association between sexual assault-related distress and drinking. By the end of the study, social support did not moderate between distress and drinking. Decreases in perceived social support were associated with more drinking on that day. The final results suggested that daily deviations in sexual assault-related distress may influence alcohol consumption more than average levels of distress, especially among women with low coping control. Interventions for women with sexual assault histories should build coping skills as well as adequate social support in order to reduce drinking.