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TO: COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

ATTN: CONTRACT POLICING, INFO MEDIA LIASON OFFICER

INFO: SHILLBROOK SUBDIVISION

FROM: HIS 3100 DETACHMENT

RE: DOUGLAS JOHN SLOAT (B:51-04-05)
 CARELESS USE OF FIREARM, SECTION B&(2) C.C.C.
 MISSION, B.C. 95-05-10
 MISSION CASE (UNDRG.) 95-06207

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AT APPROXIMATELY 1125 HOURS ON 95-05-10, DOUGLAS SLOAT ATTENDED TO THE FRONT COUNTER OF THE MISSION RCMP DETACHMENT ALONG WITH STEVEN MICHAEL BREWER (B:58-09-10). SLOAT ADVISED THAT HE AND BREWER HAD BEEN HUNTING IN THE SUICIDE CREEK AREA, WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 15 KM EAST OF MISSION. SLOAT STATED THAT HE HAD SHOT AT WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A BEAR, FROM THE NOISES HE HEARD AND WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A FLASH OF BLACK FUR. SLOAT FIRED ONE SHOT FROM HIS RUGER BOLT-ACTION .300 WINCHESTER MAG CALIBRE RIFLE. AFTER THE SHOT, SLOAT AND BREWER HEARD NOISES OF WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A BEAR IN ITS FINAL DEATH THROWS. THE TWO WAITED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE NOISES STOPPED, AND FORCED THEIR WAY THROUGH HEAVY BRUSH TO WHERE THEY BELIEVED THE DEAD BEAR WAS

APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS FROM WHERE SLOAT SHOT FROM. SLOAT AND BREWER CAME TO A FRESHLY CLEARED AREA APPROXIMATELY FIVE SQ.M., AND SAW THE BODY OF AN UNKNOWN MALE LYING ON HIS BACK WITH A LARGE WOUND TO THE UPPER RIGHT CHEST. NEITHER GOT CLOSE TO THE BODY BUT BOTH WERE SURE THE MALE WAS DEAD.

BREWER AND SLOAT TURNED AWAY FROM THE BODY AND WALKED THE APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS BACK TO SLOAT'S PICKUP. SLOAT WAS GOING TO GO TO A TELEPHONE AND CALL THE POLICE BUT BREWER TALKED HIM INTO ATTENDING TO THE MISSION

DETACHMENT OFFICE. MEMBERS OF THE MISSION RCMP AND PROVINCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE ATTENDED TO THE SCENE. BREWER ACCOMPANIED POLICE TO THE SCENE, AND POINTED OUT THE BODY. SLOAT WAS ARRESTED AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. SLOAT VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED HIS RIFLE.

AT THE SCENE, POLICE LOCATED THE BODY OF ALBERT HENRY CADRAIN (B:51-08-19) NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. CADRAIN HAD DIED FROM A SINGLE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE LEFT SIDE JUST BELOW THE ARMPIT. THE EXIT WOUND WAS QUITE LARGE, TO THE UPPER RIGHT CHEST EXPOSING THE HEART AND LUNGS. CADRAIN HAD BEEN IN THE AREA CLEARING SMALL AREAS AND PREPARING THESE SITES FOR PLANTING AND CULTIVATING MARIJUANA. CADRAIN HAD A NUMBER OF HAND TOOLS, SHOVELS, AND OTHER ITEMS FOR PREPARING THE SITES. SOME SMALL MARIJUANA PLANTS WERE

OBSERVED NEAR SEVERAL OTHER RECENTLY CLEARED AREAS NEAR BY. EXAMINATION AT THE SCENE WAS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT BREWER AND SLOAT HAD ADVISED. NEITHER CADRAIN NOR SLOAT AND BREWER COULD SEE THE OTHER. CADRAIN PROBABLY WAS UNAWARE BREWER AND SLOAT WERE NEARBY.

BREWER AND SLOAT STATED THAT THEY HAD HEARD GRUNTING AND RUSTLING IN THE BRUSH FROM WHERE CADRAIN WAS. THEY SOON BELIEVED THE SOUNDS WERE THAT OF A BEAR ROOTING IN THE HEAVY UNDER-BUSH. *** PAGE 2 TO FOLLOW ***

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DOUGLAS JOHN SLOAT (8:51-04-05)
CARELESS USE OF FIREARM, SECTION 36(2) C.C.C.
MISSION, B.C. 95-04-10
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TWO REMAINED WATCHING THE AREA FROM WHICH THEY COULD HEAR THE NOISE APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES. SLOAT, WHO HAD A SCOPE ON HIS RIFLE, WAS KING THROUGH HIS SCOPE WHEN HE SAW WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS BLACK FUR OF BEAR AND SHOT. BREWER DID NOT SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A BEAR.

RAIN WAS WEARING DARK HEAVY WOOL-TYPE PANTS, DARK BLUE NAKINEAU TYPE JET, RUBBER BOOTS, AND A BLACK BASEBALL HAT. CADRAIN ALSO HAD A FULL GARD. BOTH BREWER AND SLOAT WERE WEARING CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHING AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

IC AND PIPS CHECKS ON CADRAIN WERE NEGATIVE EXCEPT FRO AN ASSIST G.P. LE IN MARCH OF 1974 BY SURREY DETACHMENT. THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SLOAT, BREWER AND/OR CADRAIN.

CHARGE OF CARELESS USE OF A FIREARM, SECTION 36(2) C.C.C. HAS BEEN LID AGAINST SLOAT AND HE HAS BEEN RELEASED BEFORE A J.P.

SSION DETACHMENT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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