



Parole Board
of Canada

Commission des libérations
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Police Information Related to Corrections and Parole

Association of Paroling Authorities International
– San Antonio, Texas

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Brian Chase, Atlantic Regional Director General
Parole Board of Canada
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Atlantic Canada



Moncton, NB - Winter, 2011





WHO WE ARE

- Parole Board of Canada
- Role and jurisdiction much clearer, both domestically and internationally

3 Basic Priorities

- Quality Board Members
- Quality Hearings
- Quality Decisions

Quality Board Members

- Rigorous qualification process
- Reflective of Canada's diversity
- Backgrounds in education, social work, psychology, business, law enforcement, etc.
- Extensive orientation and training
- Ongoing annual training – up to date on latest research into criminal justice issues

Hearing Process

- Independent administrative tribunal
- Inquisitorial, not adversarial
- No interference or outside influence
- Follow due process, duty to act fairly

Decision Making

- A matter of public record
- Explain how Board assesses risk
- Board attaches significance to information found in police reports, Crown briefs, and judges' sentences

Innovation



Partners in Criminal Justice



The paperwork ...



Useful Information

- Concise history of circumstances
- Method of operation, frequency, violence
- Accomplices
- Extent or form of recovery or disposition of stolen goods
- Restitution, compensation made by the accused

Useful Information

- Attitude, cooperation of accused after their arrest
- Impact of crime on victim (sexual assault, theft with violence, etc.)
- Age of victim and relationship to offender
- Details of additional convictions

Useful Information

- Work record, family/marital background, use of alcohol or drugs
- Expected public reaction, community support
- Gang affiliation, organized crime membership or association

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PROTECTED "B"

POLICE REPORT

Atlantic Region

Halifax Regional Police

DATE: (yyyy-mm-dd)

NAME: (surname, given name 1, given name 2)
D-O-B: (yyyy-mm-dd)
FPS:

CURRENT CONVICTIONS:	POLICE FILE NUMBER:
1. Assault causing bodily harm	09-12345
2. Robbery	07-12345
3. Fail to comply with conditions	08-12345

CO-ACCUSED(S): YES
1. Brian Chase - 1958-01-01

COPY OF CROWN BRIEF(S):
File # 09-12345

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The following information is being provided to Correctional Services Canada in response to your request. The information is a compilation of police occurrence information, intelligence and comments from involved officers.

SYNOPSIS OF OTHER REPORTED INCIDENTS:

Additional information provided by (Police agency)

COMMENTS / CONCERNS:

- a) *Based on the information available, the Halifax Regional Police do not oppose the release of the named offender*
- b) *Based on the information available, the Halifax Regional Police has concerns about the early release of the offender, but do not oppose his/her release*
- c) *Based on the information available, the Halifax Regional Police have serious concerns if the offender is released and oppose his/her early release*

Det Cst Bob Lomond
HRP / CSC Liaison

Police Intelligence Reports A Best Practice



The challenges ...




Overall positive reaction

- 5 RCMP detachments responded favourably to new model
- New format set to be tested across Canada

Parole Works!

- Good information exchange between criminal justice partners is essential
- Good communication with public secures support for parole as a public safety tool



Thank you!