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>> OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE INQUIRY VERY CLOSELY INTO THE PROCESS WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES.

>> Lois: AN INQUIRY INTO WHY A FORMER SOLDIER IN NOVA SCOTIA KILLED THREE FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEN HIMSELF, A REPORT WITH 25 RECOMMENDATIONS.

>>> WE ARE LOOKING AT VERY SATURATED SOIL AND THAT CERTAINLY DOES INCREASE THE RISK OF LANDSLIDES AND FLOODING.

>> Lois: EVACUATION ORDERS AND PARTS OF BC AFTER HEAVY RAINFALL BECAUSE WATER LEVELS TO RISE, THAT INCLUDES THE TOWN OF PEMBERTON NORTH OF WHISTLER.

>> WE ARE NOT IN A RECESSION THE ECONOMY HAS CERTAINLY SLOWED BUT THE ONE WORD THAT I THINK WE CAN APPLY TO CANADA IS THAT WE ARE RESILIENT.

>> Lois: THE ECONOMY BEATING EXPECTATIONS IN NOVEMBER, GROWING BY A MODEST 0.2 PERCENT.

>>> HELLO AND WELCOME TO CTV NEWS CHANNEL I AM LOIS LEE THANK YOU FOR JOINING US A PUBLIC INQUIRY HAS RELEASED ITS FINAL REPORT INTO THE CASE OF A FORMER CANADIAN SOLDIER THAT SHOT AND KILLED THREE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND THEN KILLED HIMSELF. THAT HAPPENED SEVEN YEARS AGO, DESMOND SERVED TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN AND SUFFERED FROM POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER BUT DID NOT GET THE CARE HE NEEDED WHEN HE WAS HOME IN NOVA SCOTIA THE INQUIRY COMING OUT WITH MORE THAN TWO DOZEN RECOMMENDATIONS.

RENEE ROGER STANDING BY WITH THE LATEST ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WHAT THE INQUIRY FOUND, FIND -- TELL US A BIT MORE ABOUT THAT

>> Reporter: THIS INQUIRY

CONCLUDED THAT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB IN SHARING THE COMPLEX MEDICAL HISTORY OF LIONEL DESMOND AND OF COURSE THAT COMES, AS YOU SAID, AFTER AN INQUIRY LOOKED INTO WHAT LED UP TO THE 33-YEAR-OLD AFGHANISTAN WAR THAT KILLING HIS MOTHER, WIFE, 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND THEN HIMSELF WITH A SEMI AUTOMATIC RIFLE.

THAT WAS IN NOVA SCOTIA IN JANUARY OF 2017.

THAT INQUIRY HEARD THAT DESMOND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MAJOR DEPRESSION AND POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN 2011 AFTER HE SAW INTENSE COMBAT IN AFGHANISTAN, HE DID HAVE SOME MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION BOTH WHILE IN THE KNOW TERRY AND AFTER BEING MEDICALLY DISCHARGED, BUT HE DID NOT GET DESPERATELY NEEDED CARE WHEN HE RETURNED HOME IN 2016.

AS YOU MENTIONED TODAY'S REPORT INCLUDES 25 RECOMMENDATIONS AIMING TO IMPROVE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CANADIAN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, CTV SPOKE WITH LIONEL'S SISTER, CASSANDRA DESMOND ABOUT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, SHE SAYS SHE IS HOPING THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED, TAKE A LISTEN.

>> WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT IN PLACE, AND WITH THE CHANGES BEING CALLED FOR, THERE IS, IF THEY DON'T GET IT RIGHT THEN I GUESS THEY ARE NOT LOOKING TO GET IT RIGHT, THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THERE.

>> Lois: WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN THAT FINAL REPORT?

>> ONE KEY ONE LOIS IS THAT NOVA SCOTIA SHOULD WORK WITH OTHER PROVINCES MORE CLOSELY TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT WYNNE POLICE HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT SOMEONE

WITH A GUN, THAT WAS ONE OF 25 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE, YOU CAN SEE MORE OF THEM ON YOUR SCREEN, THAT RECOMMENDATION ABOUT THE SHARING OF INFORMATION IS AFTER THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT KEY INFORMATION ABOUT DESMOND'S MENTAL HEALTH WAS NOT SHARED WITH PROVINCIAL FIREARMS OFFICERS AND PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, AMONG THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BETTER GUN CONTROL MEASURES, MORE SUPPORT FOR RURAL AFRICAN NOTE -- NOVA SCOTIA AND COMMITTEES, YOU RECOMMEND EDITIONS ARE NOT BINDING BUT VETERAN AFFAIRS MINISTER SAYS THAT VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA IS LOOKING AT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS VERY CLOSELY AND WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY IN THE COMING WEEKS.

>> Lois: RENEE ROGERS FOR US, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>> REACTION POURING IN ON THE HIGH-PROFILE CASE OF FIVE CANADIAN HOCKEY PLAYERS NOW FACING SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES, IT THAT IS IN CONNECTION TO A ALLEGED GROUP OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A WOMAN IN A HOTEL ROOM FOLLOWING A HOCKEY CANADA EVENT IN JUNE OF 2018, ALL FIVE OF THE PLAYERS WERE FORMER CANADIAN WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONS. LAWYERS FOR CARTER HART, DILLON DUBE, MICHAEL MACLEOD AND CAL FOOTE CONFIRMED THAT THE NHL PLAYERS ARE FACING CHARGES CONNECT TO AN ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A WOMAN IN LONDON ONTARIO IN 2018, FORMER OTTAWA SENATORS PLAYER ALEX FORMENTON TURNED HIMSELF INTO POLICE IN LONDON OVER THE WEEKEND. LAWYERS FOR THE PLAYERS DENY ANY WRONGDOING ON THE HALF OF THEIR CLIENTS, ALLEGATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED IN COURT, WE SPOKE TO A CRIMINAL DEFENCE LAWYER ON

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE TRIAL OR TRIALS.

>> SEXUAL ASSAULT TRIALS -- TRIALS ARE VERY COMPLEX BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO CHANGE THE LAW TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF COMPLAINANTS SOY THINK THIS WILL BE LENGTHY AND COMPLEX IN THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF THE ACCUSED AND THE POTENTIAL FOR PRETRIAL MOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AND SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH OTHERS AND A DETERMINATION FOR RECORDS OF COMMUNICATION THAT WILL BE PRESENTED, THESE ARE ALL SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IN RELATION TO THAT CASE.

>> Lois: ALL FIVE PLAYERS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM THEIR TEAMS AND HAVE BEEN TOLD TO SURRENDER TO POLICE, LONDON ONTARIO POLICE ARE SET TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY WITH MORE DETAILS ON THE CASE.

>>> POLICE IN SASKATCHEWAN HAVE CHARGED MLA WITH ASSAULT THE DAY AFTER HE RESIGNED FROM THE SASKATCHEWAN CAUCUS, REPORTS OF AN ASSAULT IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR AND AFTER A LENGTHY INVESTIGATION LAID CHARGES TODAY , HE WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND ASSAULT BY CHOKING, EARLIER THIS WEEK THE SASKATCHEWAN PARTY CAUCUS REVEALED HE RESIGNED AND WOOD SIT AS AN INDEPENDENT MLA AS HE WAS INVOLVED IN A POLICE INVESTIGATION, LAWRENCE IS SET TO MAKE HIS COURT APPEARANCE IN MARCH.

>>> MANITOBA RCMP AND CANADIAN BORDER SERVICE AGENTS SAY THEY HAVE MADE THE LARGEST DRUG BUST IN PRAIRIE HISTORY, MORE THAN \$50 MILLION WORTH OF MATH. THE DRUGS FOUND IN A SEMI TRAILER BOUND FOR WINNIPEG ON GENERALLY 14th, THE BUS TO LEAD TO THE SEIZURE OF MORE THAN

400 KILOS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND IS FACING CHARGES OF IMPORTING DRUGS AND POSSESSION WITH THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFICKING.

>> THE SEIZURE OCCURRED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF THE DRUGS THAT WERE LOCATED WE HAVE A LOT OF INVESTIGATIVE WORK TO DO.

NORMALLY THIS TYPE OF SEIZURE IS THE RESULT OF AN EXPENSIVE YEARS LONG INVESTIGATION, IN THIS INSTANCE WE HAVE A MASSIVE QUANTITY OF DRUGS AND NOW NEED TO WORK BACKWARDS TO LOOK AT DETAILS.

>> Lois: THE RCMP SAY THE DRUGS WERE LIKELY PLANNED FOR DISTRIBUTION IN MANITOBA AND THROUGHOUT WESTERN CANADA THE 29-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT WILL APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW.

>>> NOW AN ALARMING TREND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, CAR THEFT HAS SKYROCKETED IN RECENT YEARS AND IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY VIOLENT, TODAY THE FEDERAL AND ONTARIO GOVERNMENTS COMING TOGETHER TO TRY TO CURB THE PROBLEM, SIOBHAN MORRIS HAS MORE

>> Reporter: IT HAS BEEN A DANGEROUS TREND, BRAZEN HOME INVASIONS TO SWIPE KEYS, DRIVERS FORCED OUT OF THEIR VEHICLES BY CARJACKERS, TODAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOMMITTED TO FUNDING TO BATTLE CAR THEFTS.

>> THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL INVEST \$121 MILLION TOWARD CRIME PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.

>> Reporter: THE CASH ANNOUNCED FOR ONTARIO LAST SPRING INCLUDES EFFORTS TO FIGHT AUTO THEFT BUT ALSO TO DEAL WITH GUNS AND GANGS.

>> THIS FUNDING ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO

CONTINUE ITS COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, THESE ARE INTELLIGENCE INFORMED PROBES AND PROJECTS THAT ARE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON PUBLIC AND OFFICER SAFETY.

>> Reporter: THE CANADIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS BEEN LEARNING A LOT ABOUT THE DEEP REACHES OF CAR THEFT FROM CONSTITUENTS.

>> WHAT THEY SAY TO ME IS THAT THEY ARE SCARED, THEY ARE SCARED BECAUSE WHAT WAS ONCE THE TAKING OF A CAR ELECTRONICALLY WITH A SCANNING DEVICE HAS TURNED INTO COMING INTO YOUR HOME STEALING HER KEYS, TAKING DOWN YOUR DOOR.

>> Reporter: TEAMWORK IS NEEDED BETWEEN POLICE, BORDER AGENCIES AND PORT OFFICIALS, HE IS OPEN TO TWEAKING THE CRIMINAL CODE.

>> I AM NOT AN EXPERT, THOUGH THEM IN JAIL FOR 10 YEARS, I DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT IS, I DON'T WANT THEM IN OUR PROVINCE.

>> Reporter: ASKING FOR LONGER SENTENCES FOR CAR THIEVES, SIOBHAN MORRIS, CTV NEWS.

>> Lois: OTTAWA HAS ANNOUNCED THE CANADIAN DENTAL PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN TO THOSE AGED 72 TO 76 THE PLAN IS TO ROLL OUT ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN AGE GROUPS OVER THE NEXT YEAR, ALL REMAINING RESIDENTS AGED 18 TO 64 ARE EXPECTED TO BE ELIGIBLE STARTING IN 2025.

>> WE WANT THIS PROCESS TO BE AS SEAMLESS AS POSSIBLE, AGAIN THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT, A LOT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HAVE NEVER HAD ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTHCARE MANY OF THEM MAY HAVE NEVER SEEN A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL IN THEIR LIFE, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO GET THEM THERE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, WE GET IT RIGHT AND THEY HAVE A

POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

>> Lois: SINCE THE PLAN WAS
LOST SMACK LAUNCHED OVER 400,000
CANADIANS HAVE ARGUED APPLIED,
UP TO 9 MILLION CANADIANS
CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE PRIVATE
DENTAL INSURANCE.

CANADA'S FERTILITY RATE HIT A
NEW LOW IN 2022, A NEW REPORT
FROM STATS CAN SHOWS THAT THE
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE DROPPED TO
A RECORD LOW OF 1.33 CHILDREN
PER WOMAN IN 2022, THE AGENCY
SAYS THE FIVE LOWEST RATES SINCE
1921 WERE RECORDED IN THE PAST
FIVE YEARS.

THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON
SOCIAL INEQUALITY SAYS SEVERAL
FACTORS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE