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### BCPOA Symposium, 2005 "Working Together as Partners" Harrison Hot Springs

May 26-28, 2005



At one of the most dramatic meetings of land and water in the world, Harrison Hot Springs borders the breathtaking snow capped mountains of South-western BC and the gorgeous Harrison Lake. Quiet, private and beautiful, the 88 room Executive Hotel provides a peaceful and relaxing alternative to the larger Harrison Resort and Spa. Relax your body, Renew your mind, Rejuvenate your spirit!  
The BCPOA executive are working with Management (Keith Barnard of MCFD and Steve Howell of PSSG) to put together an inspiring, relevant and informative selection of speakers. A very special guest will be featured as a speaker at the formal Banquet Friday evening. You will not want to miss this excellent opportunity to relax, learn and network with other PO's and service providers. Special BCPOA

Conference rates are available. A hotel reservation form is included in the newsletter.

Based on suggestions from our colleagues in Corrections Canada and the Ontario Probation Officer's Association, we have renamed this event a "Symposium". This is a shift from our emphasis on Conference and AGM, in the past. Our desire is to provide the best professional development possible as we put together an even on the theme: "Working together as partners"



### **President's Message:**

The face of Community Supervision work has changed dramatically in the years I have been a probation officer. Our profession has rapidly taken advantage of new technology and data collection. As the Courts depend more on Community Supervision instead of incarceration, PO's are held responsible for the actions of increasingly dangerous criminals. We can assess, track and analyze and predict better than ever. But as Probation Officers, we need to remember the reasons we chose this career. For some of us it was as early as childhood, but most, like myself were already in university or already working when we realized that we wanted "to make a difference" and to be a transforming influence in other's lives. We must not lose sight of our original personal vision when we can get so caught up in sending and receiving E-mail and entering data on Cornet or Justin. It is only through quality relationships that anything positive is achieved in human endeavor.

A PO once told asked me: *"Why should I join the BCPOA? What have they ever done for me?"* The comment troubled me. Let me turn that question around. What have you done for your fellow probation officers? For your profession as a whole? People say to me: *"I don't know how you can do that job!"* But I do it because I love it and I honestly think that I am being a positive influence on people's lives. But even some Court decisions lately tend to undermine the traditional faith that the public had in PO's that we would act in the best interests of our clients and public safety (i.e. R. Vs. Shoker) We need to band together and encourage each other and learn from each other.

PO's that I am familiar with are community minded and genuinely care for the people that they serve. They do not use their authority indiscriminately. Today's Province Newspaper had a story about the possibility of implementing "Integrity Testing" for Police Officers. This assessment tool predicts potentially dishonest officers. Secret investigators are then assigned to employ special entrapment techniques to weed them out of the force. I find it ironic that a very unethical technique is being used to enforce ethical behavior. The public is very wary of persons with authority. As a profession, we need to band together and learn from each other. We must collectively educate the public on the value of the Professional work that we do.

At the AGM, I intend to urge members to organize the BCPOA into five regional branches, with and executive in each. I believe this will revitalize our association

### **Girls Group**

Pamela MacDonald, Youth Probation Officer, KAMLOOPS

Girls Group is a totally volunteer project combining the efforts and time of community professional women, and young female participants. The Youth participants are referred based on their endorsement of violent and aggressive behavior. They are often currently living in violent situations.... and have histories of abuse and neglect as well. There is no requirement for the youth to be adjudicated. However, if Girls are wanting them, confirmation of community service hours or volunteer hours for attending Group are provided.

Adult participants come from a variety of work places including Boys and Girls club, forensic, mental health, public health, lawyers, child protection, contract agencies, probation, aboriginal agencies, practicum students, public education, victim assistance programs and RCMP, and more. The adult participants meet every 2 weeks or so on our own to share, learn and plan.

The Girls decide on the topics, and the adults provide support, food and activities (crafts, videos, beading, making collages). Girls are welcome to bring friends (although seldom do). Exposure to the various professional agencies in town has shown to really assist the young participants to feel freer to attend for counseling services and to make other connections within the community.

Groups are weekly for 1 hour. Transportation is provided to and from the group. Also we have volunteer nannies to attend if any of the girls have children that will need attention during the group time.

I have done some research on working with females and aggression and am happy to share what notes I have made. I also send out monthly (or more often) notices of meetings and information that comes to my attention related to Girls Group, Sexual Exploitation of Youth, various forms of victimization, and Violence among females. If you would like to be on the distribution list, please contact me at **Pamela.MacDonald@gems1.gov.bc.ca** and I will be happy to send you information or even travel to speak to your community and assist with the starting up of a Girls Group in your community.

### Peace Officer's Memorial Service, Victoria, BC, Sept 26, 2004

#### They Are Our Heroes We Shall Not Forget Them

By Darlene Jamieson, BCPOA VP

"On Sunday, September 26th, over 750 officers from law enforcement agencies across British Columbia and beyond attended the dedication and unveiling of the BC Law Enforcement Memorial. This ceremony coincided with the annual national police and peace officers' memorial parade held on the last Sunday of September across Canada. The Honorable Gordon Campbell, Premier The Honorable Rich Coleman, Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General, Chief Constable Paul Battershill Deputy Commissioner Beverly A. Busson, Chaplain Jim Turner and many other dignitaries were present.



It was an honor and a privilege to participate in the Police and Peace Officers Memorial march, which was held in Victoria, on Sunday September 26, 2004.

It was a foggy morning when BCPOA President Barry Neufeld, Secretary Treasurer, Martin Hole and MP Warrant Officer Kirk James and I got on the 9 am ferry to Victoria. At the terminal there were a number of police and auxiliary police that we

experienced. Don't forget to watch your head and your step.

Shortly after we arrived in the Capital we were taken to the conference centre where we were able to change before we lined up for the march. Barry had his blazer on, and Martin also looked quite sharp too. Barry and I were trying to find out whom we should march with. In the end we decided to stay near the back and we marched with the BC Correctional Officers.

It was wonderful to see everyone in his or her uniforms. There were police and peace officers from all over the Province and even the USA (Bellingham and Port Angeles). Then the marching bands started to play the horses and riders started moving and so did Barry and I. Left, Left, Left, Right, and Left. Over and over again. One foot in front of the other. Please don't trip. Oops out of step again. Oh no I am out of step again. Do I listen to the group in front or behind? The last time I was in a parade was for the Langley Days and before that was when I was a baton twirler in the 70's. Fortunately we managed to get to the grounds of the legislature buildings for the unveiling of the memorial. It was quite hot and there were lots of people. It was getting a bit warm and a fellow beside me fainted. He was okay with the help of some people from his group.

It was a very emotional listening to the names of all of the police and peace officers who died. Janelle Breese Biagioni, widow of a RCMP Officer and expert on grief and loss wrote:



Rick Taylor singing "In Their Eyes"

"An officer (Rick Taylor) sang *In Their Eyes*, a song he had written to commemorate those who gave so freely of their lives to help others. He had sung only two or three notes before my tears began to flow. It was as though my husband had died just yesterday." (Giving Hope Newsletter October 2004 Volume 1, Issue 3 <http://www.soulwriter.com>)

After the last name was read out we marched back to the Empress where we were treated to a reception before we left on the double deck bus back to the ferry.



BC correctional Officers: Darlene in the back row



On our way home, Darlene Kennedy, Bill's wife was able to join us. She is an amazing woman. I enjoyed hearing stories about her husband. She has fond memories of many of the Bill's former colleagues and friends. She was very appreciative of the support of Ann Alexander, former PO and long time PLEA manager and Karin Hartner at Burnaby Youth Secure Services. It was a very emotional and very moving day. I am so glad that I was able to participate.

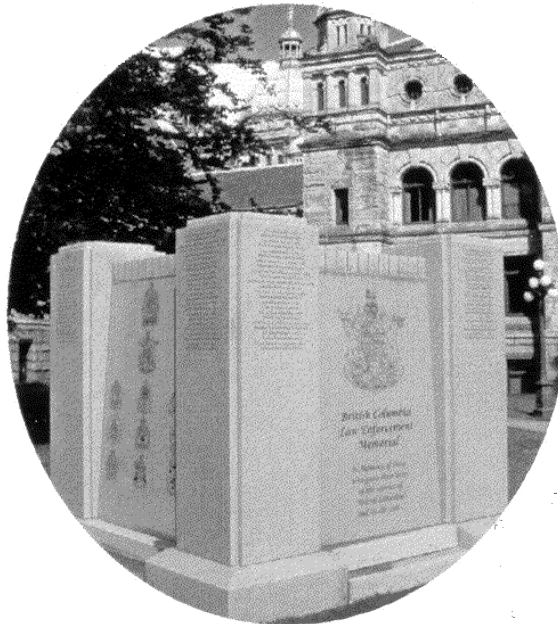
### **"The Bastion"**

The Bastion was created in 2004 through the dedicated efforts of the B.C. Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation with tremendous assistance and support from the Government of B.C.

The Bastion is a four-sided memorial with separate panels representing different aspects of the Peace Officer community throughout B.C. A total of eight "Fallen Hero panels" are on the exterior corners of the Bastion also, with the names appearing in random order except where multiple losses occurred at one tragic incident.

**Panel One** is the dedication panel with the major place of honor being the Coat of Arms of B.C. to illustrate the unified family of Law Enforcement.

**Panels Two and Four** (left and right sides) represent all Peace Officer agencies active in the Province of B.C. These agencies are in order of date of inception and where a Provincial or Canadian Agency is not individually represented, the Coat of Arms of Canada and/or B.C. are in place.



Next year the Peace Officer's Memorial will be in the Lower Mainland.

for more information about the memorial check out <http://www.cpoma.com> from the Website, "The Canadian Peace Officers' Memorial Association pays tribute to the fallen peace officers who have been killed in the performance of their duties. On the last Sunday in September each year, a Memorial Service is held on Parliament Hill honoring both fallen peace and police officers

**"The ROLL OF HONOUR Includes Bill M. Kennedy Min Sol-Gen. & Correctional 1993 23-1** (Taken from the Victoria host police Website [www.victoriapolice.org/BCPPOMS.htm](http://www.victoriapolice.org/BCPPOMS.htm)

**Panel Three** (the Legacy Panel) is dedicated to the tremendous service that many agencies gave to the citizens of this province throughout its long and proud history. This panel was specifically designed to illustrate those agencies that served and no longer exist in active form. The B.C. Provincial Police Crest was chosen as a representative crest for all.

The Bastion itself was created and installed by a local Victoria firm (Stewart Monumental Works Ltd.) after an open design competition.

The B.C. Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation consisted of: Paul Battershill - Chair Bill Bresser - Tod Catchpole - John Dragani - Gary Forbes Steve Gibson - Ric Hall - Andy Murray - Jonathan Sheldan "

### **Join the BCPOA:**

Support your profession and fellow probation Officers by joining the British Columbia Probation Officers Association. For \$40.00 you can add your collective voice to support the Mission of the BCPOA.

A membership form is available on our Website at:

<http://www.bcpoa.ca>

For more detailed information about some of the articles in this newsletter. We appreciate if you would sign our guestbook as well.

More information about registering at the Symposium and line up of speakers will be available soon.

## Ontario Gets Harsh with School Dropouts

CBC Online Sun, 07 Nov 2004

HUNTSVILLE, ONT. - The Ontario government plans to introduce legislation that will require students to stay in school until they reach the age of 18, said the province's minister of education Saturday.

If the rules aren't followed, students would be forced back to their desks or sent to alternative learning programs by a court order, said Education Minister Gerard Kennedy. If that fails, a student could be ordered to spend time in jail, but that would be rare he adds.

Currently, Ontario students must stay in school until age 16. If parents fail to enforce their child's attendance, they could face a maximum \$200 fine.

The move is intended to cut the dropout rate in half and offer those most likely to leave school with alternative learning options. Ontario's current dropout rate is 30 per cent.

*"It is not our plan, all right, to incarcerate young people because they fail to continue to learn," Premier Dalton McGuinty told a Liberal policy conference on Saturday.*

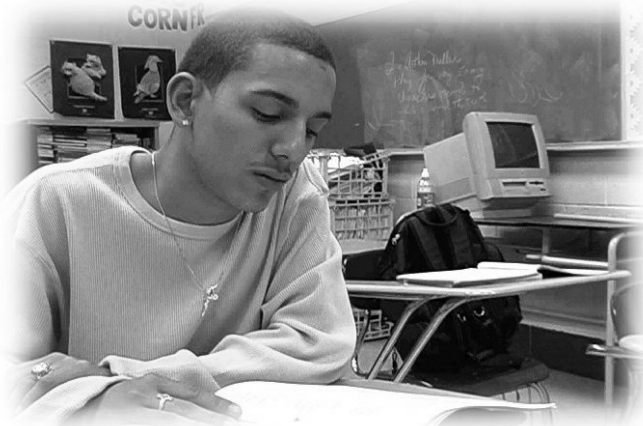
"Our plan is to engage young people by providing them with an exciting opportunity that strikes them as a real win for themselves," he said.

*"I believe in the carrot, not the stick."*

Ontario hopes to introduce legislation next year, following a pilot period scheduled to begin in January.

This initiative is expected to cost the Ontario government about \$70 million a year, said McGuinty. It would affect more than 25,000 students.

*"We can't hang our hopes on the future if we're content to let the future just hang out at the mall," he told a Liberal audience.*



## 10 Things You Oughta Know About... DROPPING OUT<sup>1</sup>

1. It is a really bad idea, if things are bad at school because you are being harassed (sexually or otherwise) or bullied try changing schools rather than quitting.
2. It is so not worth it - if academics are hard for you see your school counselor about a non-academic program, voluntarily set yourself back a grade, or get Learning Assistance (even if it is informally from a friend).
3. Drop outs have a harder time getting good, secure, decent paying jobs.
4. More and more entry level and trade specific jobs require a minimum of high school graduation.
5. Dropping out gives you a lot of free time, even if you get a full time job, you are more likely to get in to a self destructive rut including drugs and/or alcohol.
6. Pregnancy is not a good reason to drop out and get a job, look in to your options before taking such a drastic step (many schools and communities have programs designed to keep teens with children in school).
7. Being a drop out is much harder than you think it will be.
8. Going back to school as an adult is not as easy as you think it will be, and often costs you money - high school is free.
9. Contrary to popular belief 16 is not a magic age at which dropping out is "OK" - many states make it a civil crime to drop out before 18 and many have laws against "truancy" (unexplained absences from school).
10. Dropping out is not cool, it does not make you a "tough guy", nor does it mean you are "grown up" or "more mature" - in fact it makes you the exact opposite of all these things.

<sup>1</sup> <http://teenadvice.about.com/library/weekly/bl10thingsdr droppingout.htm>

**SYMPOSIUM 2004: Sign of the Times**

BCPOA President Neufeld attends the **Probation Officer's Association of Ontario 50th annual general conference Nov 7-10, 2004**

The Professional association has been in existence for 52 years, and this was their 50th Annual conference. They now use the term symposium to emphasize the Professional development aspect of the association.



I arrived Sunday evening at Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel to find the lounge full of Probation Officers and Cabinet ministers and deputy ministers of Community Safety and Correctional Services (adult POs) and Ministry of Children and Youth Services (youth POs) along with the Chief of Police of Toronto, the Mayor of Toronto and the RCMP Commissioner for all of Canada. TV Cameras were also present and were giving extensive interviews to **Cathy Hutchison, President of the Association**. The government allows three days of professional development leave, and pays for the registration fee of \$225.00! In the past, the Probation officers have paid their own travel. Deputy Minister Rabeau indicated his wish to return to fuller funding for Probation Officers attending the Symposium.

POAO is divided into five regional branches. Local branches get involved with social events and benevolent fundraising events, while the provincial executive concentrates on more global policy and positions, as well as this annual conference. Ontario now has Bell Cairn, a

training institute for Probation and correctional officers in Hamilton.



**Lori Santamaria** POAO Vice President is also the Canadian representative to the American Probation and Parole Officers Association. She assisted us with some materials to promote and celebrate Probation and Community Supervision Week, the third week of July. We have attempted to request the Government of British Columbia to declare the third week of July as Probation officer's week in BC. However, there are other employee groups to consider.

**The American Probation and Parole Association** <http://www.appa-net.org/> is a powerful and influential lobby and advocacy group for Probation Officers. At this time, the BCPOA is not an institutional member, but I am an individual member.

By far the most significant event was the formal Banquet. **RCMP Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli** gave an inspiring and stirring dinner speech about Probation History. He ended with an ode to **Louise Pargeter**, the Corrections Canada Parole Officer who trusted her employer to keep her safe but took risks "to make a difference".



**Sad News:**

It is with great regret that we learned at press time of the death of two very well known Probation officers

**Jamie Reid succumbs to cancer**

Jamie Reid of Duncan Community Corrections has been struggling with cancer for quite some time but it seemed to be in remission. He was an activist in the BCGEU and also the BCPOA. He was a shop steward, a member of local 603 of the BCGEU and served on the executive of the BCPOA. He will be remembered for his good humor and wit, the motorcycle that he loved and the camera that always hung around his neck. Jamie had a heart for probation clients and also the good and welfare of his probation colleagues. He is best known for introducing new probation trainees at the Justice Institute to the BCGEU. Unfortunately, he passed away in his sleep on 11-Jan-05.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to your favourite charity.

An informal Celebration of Life will be held for Jamie Reid between 2 and 4 PM on Sat. Jan. 22, 2005 at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club at 9831 - 4th St., Sidney. For those coming from the ferries, watch for the signs saying "Congested Area Ahead" and turn left onto Beacon Ave. For those coming from Victoria, turn right onto Beacon. Head East toward the main part of Sidney, turn left onto 4th St. (look for the red awning on Tanner's Bookstore) then look for the plane located by the entrance to the Club.

**Terry Egan passes away**

Terry Egan was a probation officer who rose to management in the Corrections branch. He is remembered for his contributions to establishing Bail supervision as part of the service of the Corrections branch (and now also the Ministry of children and Family Development). He retired two years ago, but struggled with numerous health problems. He passed away 13-Jan-05.

Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic church, 315 Walker St. Coquitlam. (Walker at Edgar, just east of Blue Mountain Rd. near Ikea). Prayers at 7:30 PM Thursday, Jan 20. Funeral Mass Friday, Jan 21 at 10:30 AM.

**We are All Victims of Car Theft**

Car theft has received significant attention the Vancouver Province Newspaper recently with the publication of the ten most wanted Car Thieves in the Jan 14, 2005 issue.

**Did you know that?**

2003 was the worst year on record for auto theft in BC. Thieves stole approximately 40,000 vehicles. With 8,000 thefts within city borders, Surrey was declared the car theft capital of North America for 2003. The typical car thief in BC is a drug-addicted male who steals cars to use in committing other crimes in order to support his addictions. (according to RCMP Cpl. Tim Shields, IMPACT spokesman)

**Each day in BC: 71 vehicles are stolen, 112 vehicles are broken into & 77 vehicles are vandalized.**

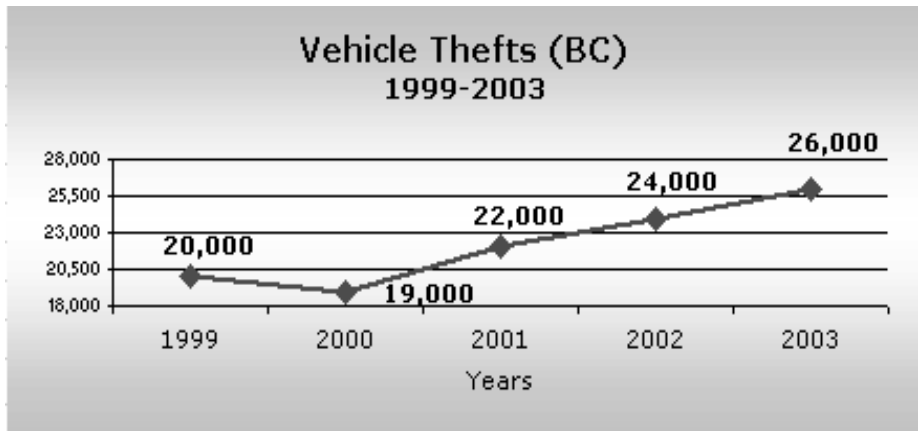
\*2003 figures, ICBC-reported incidents only. (Auto Crime Prevention Program)

Check the ICBC website: <http://www.icbc.com/> for more info

BCPOA President Barry Neufeld and Vice President Darlene Jamieson met with Mike Weightman, of ICBC. He requested that Probation officers check with Crown Counsel to ensure that the ICBC victim impact statement goes into every PSR for a case involving Theft of Auto, Theft from Auto and Vandalism. ICBC is a large corporation and not usually thought of as a victim. However, The cost of covering claims is born by everyone who pays insurance premiums. In 2003, ICBC paid out more than \$146 million dollars in claims related to Auto crime.

In the Fraser Valley alone, they paid out:

- 10,365 claims totaling \$43.1 million for Theft of Auto,
- 11,997 claims totaling \$8.4 million for Theft from Auto,
- 5,781 claims totaling \$4.7 million for vandalism.



***In Memory of Bill Kennedy***  
***Feb 26, 1934 - June 18, 1993***

*"It was not like having a Probation Officer, but a friend"*

*--Barry Neufeld, with Darlene Kennedy, Martin Hole, Vickie Green & Gordon Birrell*

Bill Kennedy prepared early in life to be a Roman Catholic priest. He began Junior Seminary at age 15 and was ordained in Nanaimo on 11-Jul-64. In 1968, he was a priest in Gold River BC and succeeded in establishing an ecumenical Anglican/Catholic Church. However, like many priests in the '60's he became disillusioned with the authoritarianism of the Roman Catholic Church. He fell in love with Darlene, who was at that time preparing to be a nun. He left the priesthood and they were married 24-Jun-1972. Darlene said that some of his friends did not treat Bill very well for leaving the priesthood. In Darlene's opinion, Bill made his decision to be a priest too early.



In the fall 1970 Bill enrolled in the youth probation course at the Training Centre in Marpole. He was hired in 1973 and began work at Main & Hastings in Vancouver. In 1974 he transferred to the Family Court Richmond.

The Kennedy's took in a foster son Peter in 1973. Peter is now 44 years old. Then Bill and Darlene began to have their own family. Elliot was born in 1974. Matthew was born a year later. Nathan was born in 1977.

In 1977 Bill went to take his masters degree at Western Washington University in Bellingham. He came back to work in Surrey. He graduated from WWU, and received his Master of Education in counseling degree in July 1978. In 1979, he went back to Richmond Probation. Bill encouraged his wife, Darlene to go back to Simon Fraser University to obtain her degree as a teacher.

Darlene stated:

*"Bill enjoyed being a family court counselor. He preferred working with the challenge of mediation. He would be sorry to see how it has gone by the wayside. Bill believed that Family Court Counselors were doing a far greater service to the general population by dealing with custody and access without lawyers. I remember the time he had a case involving access. The father was supposed to drop off the kids at the ferry terminal in Tsawassen. But there was a concern that the father would leave the kids. So Bill wore a disguise and went to the ferry terminal to see what happened. But the guy never showed*

*up. Later the man said that he was there but the mother never showed up! Bill never talked about names. But I remember the talk in Surrey about car thieves. He had this kid, and it didn't matter what they did: they tried everything but the kid kept stealing cars. Bill liked his work. We had a neighbor whose husband left her with two teenage sons. Bill talked to her and assured her that the two boys would come around. Bill was always actively involved in the community: always looking for ways to make things better."*

Gordon Birrell, Bill's Local Director, at Richmond Probation and Family Court Services wrote:

*"Bill Kennedy had a strong sense of justice, doing the right thing, of caring for both colleagues and clients, and he lived what he believed. These qualities cast Bill into various roles, champion of the underdog, a burr under the saddle of the system, a competent Family Court Counselor who would go beyond the call for his clients, a dedicated Youth Worker who invested many hours working with young people. Bill did not believe there were any bad kids. He was an excellent trainer who delighted in passing knowledge, a sometimes irritant at staff meetings, when he would not let go of an issue until it had been fully canvassed. I recall that over one issue, Bill arrived unannounced at my home, at 8 p.m., albeit with a bottle of wine, to continue the discussion. He was a good friend and valued colleague."*



*Eccentric, you say? Yes, he was eccentric, he was complex, he was human, in all of the connotations of that word. A quality which I sometimes fear we are losing in our need for standards and guidelines." Bill Kennedy was involved, interested and intrigued with life; he did not go gentle into the goodnight but railed, railed against the passing of the light. As one of his young probationers put it, 'it was not like having a Probation Officer, but a friend'."*<sup>1</sup>

Vicki Green worked with Bill in Vancouver. She stated: *"I know it sounds tacky, but it is true: Bill was motivated by Love: it was evident in everything that he did"*.<sup>2</sup>

Bill had a case where the children lived in Richmond and their father lived on Vancouver Island. No one was able to drive the children to catch the ferry, so Bill agreed to do it on his flex day (regular day off). He left early in the morning of June 18, 1993 to pick up the children so they could catch the 9 o'clock ferry.

He hadn't picked up the children yet when he came to the intersection of Shell Road and Alderbridge way in Richmond at about 7 AM. A young man was heading east on Alderbridge: The light changed, but the young man *"gunned it"*. He was going too fast in a truck with bad brakes and a heavy load of carpet. He was following a friend, and he was late for an apprenticeship exam that he had to take. He hit Bill broadside, and Bill was killed instantly.

Darlene didn't find out about it until later in the morning, about 10:30 AM. She asked what time the accident happened. The policeman wasn't sure, he thought about 9 AM. By then Bill was supposed to have picked up the children and been on the ferry. Darlene asked: *"what happened to the kids?"* The policeman said: *"What kids?"* He left Darlene to worry about that one. She wanted to tell her sons, Matt and Nathan who were in school. But the policeman insisted that she come with him to identify Bill's body. Another police car drove up to the boys' school, called the boys out of their classes, and then drove them home in the back of the police car. This started a rumor in the neighborhood that the Kennedy boys were in trouble. Later when Matt was having trouble in school, a teacher told Darlene *"I don't think he likes me!"* Darlene asked: *"Didn't you know that his father was killed?"* No one had told the teacher.

The funeral was at St. Mary's Catholic Roman Church in Vancouver. Darlene recalls a strange young woman at Bill's funeral, who went forward, patting the casket, as if she was a dear friend of Bill. But it turns out that the woman was a well-known freeloader who made the rounds of funerals to eat lots of free food!

The young man who killed Bill was charged and placed on bail awaiting trial. Meanwhile, Bills' son Matt was having a very difficult time getting over his father's sudden death. He was very close to his father. Darlene said the boys would not talk about it. In September of 1994, Darlene was invited to Ottawa for a ceremony honoring Bill Kennedy. Rob Watts, Director of the Corrections Branch, escorted her. But more tragedy was about to happen.

After the ceremony, Darlene returned to her hotel room, and was visited by the Ottawa-Carleton Police. They had terrible news: that her son Matthew had died. They gave her the cell phone number of the Vancouver Coroner, who happened to be Larry Campbell, now mayor of Vancouver. On Sept 25, 1994, Matthew had gone to a Eurythmics concert at the Roxy. He had refused alcohol, because he said he was driving. But he was already planning to die. The next day, a kid on the way to school found Matthew Kennedy hanging from a tree in a public park. Matt was only 19.

Darlene attended the trial of person who hit Bill in February of 1995, after he husband and son had died. The young man was a bit arrogant. A witness had seen the light change to red, but the truck ran the red light. Crown wanted jail.

But Darlene asked:

*"Why? There were no drugs or alcohol involved: he was just in a hurry... Bill and Matthew had died already. The judge was praising me for being so open-minded and not demanding a jail sentence. The young man turned to me at Court and I said: 'Take care of your family: mine's been destroyed!'"*

The probation officer writing the PSR called Elliot for a victim impact statement. Bill had told his sons about Okalla prison. Just before it was demolished, people were given the opportunity to see what it was like to spend a night there. Bill had experienced that and he said, *"you'll never want to be there. All you could hear was metal doors clanging all night."* Elliot told the probation officer that Bill would never have wanted the man to go to jail. So the man got one day in jail, a fine and 2 years driving suspension.

<sup>2</sup> Fall 1993 Corr Tech Quarterly

A year later, Darlene "shut down" physically. Her blood pressure was exceedingly high and she underwent surgery for cancer in Nov 95 and Jan 96. But she managed to get down to Los Cabos California with her sons and some friends over the holiday season in 1995 where she earned the title "margarita mom!" She now lives alone in a townhouse with two large yellow Labrador retrievers. She said: "I got a dog for warm sloppy kisses!"

On Sept. 26, 2004 Darlene Kennedy attended the Peace officer's memorial in Victoria accompanied by PO's Martin Hole, Darlene Jamieson and Barry Neufeld and a military police warrant officer Kirk James. Unfortunately, when the cairn was unveiled, they had neglected to include Bill Kennedy's name. The organizers of the event apologized profusely and promised that the name of Bill Kennedy, the only British Columbia Probation Officer to die in the line of duty would be added as soon as possible.



Bill & Darlene, 1993

### **Participate in the BC Probation Officer's Symposium:**

The BCPOA would like to extend an invitation to present your work at the next BCPOA symposium. Within the last few years many of you have completed a Masters Degree other have been working on special projects. The BCPOA would like to provide an opportunity to have you share your work and ideas. You may wish to feature some of you work on the BCPOA Website. Pamela Ackerman, a conferencing facilitator from the Fraser Region has shared some of her work on "Emotional Intelligence".

Perhaps you are working a Masters degree and would like some input for your thesis or projects. May be you know of someone who would be a dynamic speaker/presenter. Please let someone on the executive know if you are interested. We would love to hear from you. Please contact Irene Wesenberg, by e-mail at: [secretary@bcpoa.ca](mailto:secretary@bcpoa.ca)

### **2005 ADMs' Committee on Prostitution and Sexual Exploitation of Youth Community Building Project Fund Summary and Application.**

Please note that project fund has changed this year and is explained in the attached application. If you should have any questions please feel free to give me a call or email. Note the applications are due NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 18, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. Here is the link to access the application on line

[http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community\\_programs/funding/exploitation/index.htm](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community_programs/funding/exploitation/index.htm)

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**REQUEST FOR RESERVATION for BC Probation Officers Association  
Group Reservation # 89553 May 26 – 28, 2005**

1 BED - QUEEN  
Single Occupancy \$94.00 per night plus taxes  
2 BEDS – QUEEN  
Double Occupancy \$104.00 per night plus taxes

**PLEASE NOTE:** The above rates are guaranteed until April 15/05. After this date the Hotel cannot guarantee that these rates will apply.

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**SEND THIS FORM TO:** EXECUTIVE HOTEL  
MAIL, FAX or E-MAIL Box 70 -190 Lillooet Ave.  
Harrison Hot Springs  
British Columbia Canada  
V0M 1K0  
ATTENTION: Reservation Department  
Fax: 604-796-3731  
Tel 1-888-265-1155  
E-Mail info@harrisonhotsprings.com

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Please reserve the following accommodation:

1 BED QUEEN SMOKING OR NON SMOKING  
2 BEDS QUEEN SMOKING OR NON SMOKING

Arrival Date: Departure Date:

If sharing \_\_\_\_\_ will occupy this accommodation with me.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

POSTAL CODE:

Reservations must be received no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> in order to guarantee the space being held.  
A credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation

**CREDIT CARD # / TYPE & EXPIRY DATE:**

**7 DAYS CANCELLATION NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR DEPOSIT REFUND.**

CHECK IN TIME IS 4 PM / CHECK OUT TIME IS 12 NOON.

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