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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Chief Coroner Lapointe,

**Re: Verdict at Inquest into the death of:
MUTCH, Rhett Patrick Victor
BCCS File: 20014-0380-0006
IIO File: 2014-198**

Thank you for your letter dated July 5, 2018, with regards to the jury's recommendations following the Inquest into the death of Mr. Rhett Mutch.

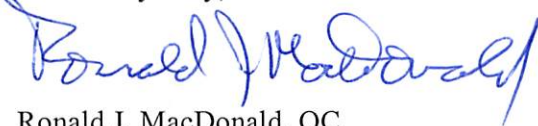
Concerning recommendation 10, which states:

Consider amending the MOU between the agencies to ensure that police officers can debrief in a timely manner.

The IIO is currently engaged in a process of considering amendments to the present IIO/BC Police Agencies MOU. As a principle, we are fully in support of assisting all officers involved in a case accessing appropriate services, including debriefing sessions. However, our investigations cover a wide variety of fact situations and investigative circumstances. They are fluid and dynamic situations. As a result it is not possible to commit to a specific practice that covers every situation. Thus, I can advise that the IIO's current practice is to make decisions in these matters on a case by case basis. Going forward, a policy is being prepared around this issue, which will include stakeholder consultation, to ensure the needs of both the investigation and the involved officers are met. We will consider incorporating the principles of that policy within the MOU when complete.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours very truly,



Ronald J. MacDonald, QC
Chief Civilian Director