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Dear Ms. Lapointe,

Thank you for your letter dated April 30, 2018, with regards to the recommendations following the Coroners' Inquest into the death of Tony Du.

The two recommendations pertaining to the IIO are:

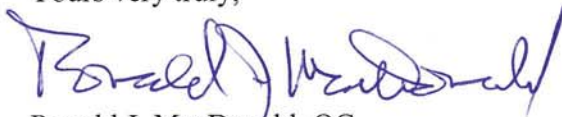
1. Upon conclusion of an IIO file where no charges will be laid, the IIO should proactively disclose the contents of the investigative file to the involved agency for training purposes; and
2. The IIO should work to improve its policies and practices around updating affected persons/families in a timely manner.

The IIO fully accepts both of the above recommendations and has released publicly the enclosed Information Bulletin to confirm our commitment to continual improvement.

Subject to privacy and other related concerns, we have committed to release the IIO investigative file at the conclusion of each matter. In addition, since the time of this investigation, the IIO has made improvements to our affected person's service model to ensure more timely communications with our affected persons/families. We regret that the family of Mr. Du was not updated as frequently as they should have been, and have contacted Mr. Du's sister directly to express this.

If you require any further information, please contact my Executive Assistant, Rebecca Whalen, at Rebecca.Whalen@iiobc.ca and she can assist in setting up a call or meeting.

Yours very truly,



Ronald J. MacDonald, QC
Chief Civilian Director

Encl: IIO Accepts Recommendations from Coroner's Inquest into the death of Tony Du



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INFORMATION BULLETIN
Independent Investigations Office
For Immediate Release

Surrey – The Independent Investigations Office of B.C. (IIO) today announces that it accepts the jury's recommendations in the B.C. Coroner Service's inquest into the officer-involved shooting death of Phuong Na (Tony) Du in Vancouver, on November 22, 2014.

The first recommendation is that the IIO should automatically release its files to the involved police service agency at the conclusion of the IIO investigation. This will help the police agency determine whether any of its existing practices, procedures, or policies should be changed or improved.

The IIO's Chief Civilian Director Ron MacDonald is committed to releasing IIO investigative files to the appropriate agency at the conclusion of each matter, subject to potential privacy and other related issues.

The second recommendation is the IIO should assess and improve policies around information provided to affected families, to ensure that information is released to them as soon as possible.

"The IIO continuously strives to improve our information sharing with the families, and since the time of this investigation we have augmented the services we offer to affected persons and their families," says MacDonald. "In this case, we regret the Du family was not updated as frequently as they should have been. Moving forward we will do better to ensure families and affected persons receive more information about their case."

Background

The IIO is the independent civilian oversight agency of the police in British Columbia. It investigates all officer-related incidents that result in serious harm or death, whether or not there is any allegation of wrongdoing.

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