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Mr. Robert Stewart 4577 Victoria Avenue Niagara Falls ON L2E 4B7

Dear Mr. Stewart:

STEWART, ROBERT V. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE, OTTAWA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD, THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE OTTAWA REGIONAL POLICE, LOU OKMANAS, LYLE MACCHARLES, RICHARD RIDDELL, HEATHER LARMARCHE, CHRISTINA BENSON, JOHN RALKO, GARY DOUGHTERY, GEORGE SNIDER, IAN DAVIDSON, VIKKI BAIR, TERRY COOPER, AND DENIS GAUDREAULT - COURT FILE NO: CV-08-00362956-0000

I represent the Ottawa Police Services Board. It appears that in your Statement of Claim you have named the Ottawa Regional Police Service Board and the Chief of the Ottawa Regional Police when the current proper name of the applicable entity is the Ottawa Police Services Board. I confirm that I have received the Notice of Claim pursuant to the *Proceedings* Against the Crown Act, the Statement of Claim in Court File Number CV-08-00362956-0000 together with a DVD containing certain video and audio material.

Before I serve any document in this matter, I would like to discuss with you the basis of your claim as against, as you name it, the Ottawa Regional Police. I say this because the Ottawa Regional Police Service was not created until after the date of your arrest and charge. Further, I can advise that in 1990, policing in the Township of Cumberland was undertaken by the Ontario Provincial Police. Accordingly, I think it is possible that the Ottawa Regional Police Service has been improperly named.

I am hoping if we can discuss this there may be a way to conclude this matter with respect to the successor to the Ottawa Regional Police Service, namely the Ottawa Police Services Board, without you facing a motion from my client seeking the dismissal of the claim against it and a possible award of legal costs against you relating to that motion.

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I thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

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