

## Occurrence details

RCMP-GRC , B Division

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Occurrence: **2012109461****Occurrence details:**

*Report no.:* 2012109461  
*Dispatch type:* Police assistance  
*Occurrence type:* Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities  
*Occurrence time:* 2012/01/29 13:30 - 2012/01/29 19:30  
*Reported time:* 2012/01/29 19:30  
*Place of offence:* , MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)  
*Source:* Walk in  
*Priority:* Routine  
*Clearance status:* Complete - solved (non-criminal)  
*Concluded:* Yes  
*Concluded date:* 2012/05/03  
*Summary:* Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS ( 14 yrs )left his house today on snowmobile and has not been seen since, JACQUE advised that he was seen at 13:30 this afternoon. Search and Rescue deployed. Victim located on 2012/02/01, located on ice approximately 23 km's outside of Makovik. Victim pronounced at Makk clinic. CH

*Remarks:***Associated occurrences:****Involved persons:**

- VOISEY, DION HERMAN / Witness / DOB: 1985/02/02 (36) Gender: Male (50 ANDERSEN STREET, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK) (Voice) (709) 923-2210 )

**Witness statement/will say:**

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*Stmt taker:* #000169927 HOWLETT, S.*Stmt time:* 2012/02/07 12:39*Entered by:* #000169927 HOWLETT, S.*Entered time:* 2012/02/07 12:39*Remarks:* See Attached.*Narrative:***Statement of:****Name: Dion Herman VOISEY****D.O.B ( 1985/02/02 )****Address: 52 Andersen, Makkovik, Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Phone: (709) 923-2452**

**Date: 2012/02/07**

**Time: 12:39**

**Taken at: RCMP Makkovik Detachment**

**Taken by: Cst Stephen Howlett**

**Q1) Dion, Start from the beginning and tell me everything in regards to what you witnessed today?**

A1) We got together to get the snowmobile, we went across Strawberry head and into the Harbour, we got off and started walking out. We stopped looking around for the snowmobile, she was out of sight behind the rough ice. We carried on out further, and then we were walking along and about 50 yards in front of us we just seen the hood of her. She was up against the rough Ice jammed in. We had to beat the rough Ice off and then we hauler her out. We followed are track back then to the other snowmobiles, then came in through Fords bite and along to the office.

**Q2) What time did you recover the snowmobile?**

A2) About 11:30 A.M.

**Q3) Tell me everything you noticed about the snowmobile?**

A3) We noticed a small crack in the right side of the windshield. One of the screws was popped out of the front of the windshield. The key and kill switch was shut off. Gas can was 8 feet off behind the back of the snowmobile.

**Q4) Did you start the snowmobile?**

A4) Yes, 7 - 8 hauls she went right away, There was nothing wrong that skidoo.

**Q5) Do you notice anything else around the snowmobile?**

A5) A few foot prints walking back from her, he was walking around her almost like he was looking for a way to Shore, there was water all around the him. The gas can was 10 feet back, it was full.

**Q6) Did you notice any snowmobile tracks?**

A6) Yes, coming from outside, following the crack. We walked back to see where he came from, he was outside further and he was coming back in.

**Q7) Did you notice anything else around the snowmobile?**

A7) No, could' t tell if he stayed with the snowmobile.

**Q8) Did the snowmobile appear to be stuck?**

A8) Yes, she was jammed in the rough ice, took three of us to get the machine out. No way to get her out yourself, we kicked off ice by the side of her, the height of the snowmobile.

**Q9) Do you think that was their the day he was lost?**

A9) Yes.

**Q10) Was the can can full?**

A10) Yeah.

**Q11) Was the snowmobile hard to find?**

A11) Yes, it was rough ice.

**Q12) Explain the ice conditions around the snowmobile?**

A12) Froze up good now, A lot of rough ice, right in among the rough ice, the height of the ice around the snowmobile is about 4 feet.

**Q13) Who recovered the snowmobile?**

A13) Perry VOISEY, Andy EDMUNDS, me.

**Q14) Is their anything else you would like to add?**

A14) No. That it.

ORIGIANL SIGNED BY VOISEY.

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Cst Stephen Howlett Dion Voisey

- MAKKOVIK COMMUNITY CLINIC / Assisting organization / 42 MORAVIAN STREET, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (CLINIC) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK) (Voice) (709) 923-2229
- MAKKOVIK GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE / Assisting organization / , MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)
- JACQUE, RODNEY / Complainant / DOB: 1978/05/06 (42) Gender: Male (21 SEAVIEW CRESCENT, MAKKOVIK, NL (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK) (Voice) (709) 923-2481 )
- WINTERS, BURTON [DECEASED] / Deceased; Located; Missing / DOB: 1997/07/14 (14) Gender: Male (17 ANDERSEN, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (VICTOR AND ANNA JACQUE) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK) (Voice) (709) 923-2257 )

**3450 - Lost/Missing Person Report:**

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**Task:** TK2012286227 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/03/16 00:00 #000042985  
VARDY, K. ->#000169927 HOWLETT, S. FIR - WINTERS - Person reported missing  
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**Author:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S.  
**Entered by:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S.  
**Vehicle:**  
**Officer:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S.  
**Case file:**  
**Remarks:**

**Report time:** 2012/01/29 19:30  
**Entered time:** 2012/02/03 10:21

#### **Involved addresses:**

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- Dispatch address; Occurrence address / MAKKOVIK, Nfld or NL, Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)

#### **Involved comm addresses:**

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#### **Involved vehicles:**

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#### **Involved officers:**

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- Assisting officer / FRANKLAND, S. / #000104953 / PROS / Officer / B DIV INACTIVE USERS ACCOUNT / 2012/06/11
- Supervising officer / MORRISON, S. / #000040250 / PROS / Officer / B DIV INACTIVE USERS ACCOUNT / 2012/02/01
- Assisting officer / ANDERSEN, W. / #000119025 / PROS / Officer / B DIV INACTIVE USERS ACCOUNT / 2012/01/30
- Assisting officer; Supervising officer / VARDY, K. / #000042985 / PROS / Officer / B DIV PLACENTIA DET / 2012/01/30
- Primary unit / B DIV MAKKOVIK DET / B0172 / RCMP / Assignable / 2012/01/29
- Lead investigator; Reporting officer / HOWLETT, S. / #000169927 / PROS / Officer / B DIV MARY'S HARBOUR DET / 2012/01/29

#### **Involved property:**

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- Computers, parts or accessories: Laptop computer / Seized / DELL PP22L [LAPTOP] / CNOKY7674864383L0666 / Disposed / Seized, to be analyzed.

#### **Modus operandi:**

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#### **General report:**

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Remarks: Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett - General Report # 1

Narrative:

## Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett

**2012/01/29**

**19:40**

On the above noted date and time writer received information from Cpl VARDY that Rodney and Natalie JACQUE were looking for there 14 year old son, Burton WINTERS. Writer was advised that WINTERS had not been seen since 13:30 HRS on today's date. Writer was advised that WINTERS was last seen driving a yellow Tundra 300 snowmobile. It was reported that WINTERS was suppose to travel to his grandmother house which in located next to Cpl VARDY residence.

**19:40**

Writer headed toward Cpl VARDY residence, on route member ran into Willie FLOWERS, Burton's best friend. Willie advised that WINTERS had dropped him off today at 13:30, Willie had not seen him since. Willie could not provide a direction of travel or any further information that would help assist police. Willie did advised that WINTERS does not usually go far on snowmobile, far as the dump and Ranger Bite and using some back paths around the town but never leaving down. Writer spoke to Cpl VARDY who advised that Mike BISHOP and Rodney JACQUE ( Burtons Father ) were going to travel to Killman Pond to see if there was any sign of WINTERS. It was reported that WINTERS had been out with the Canadian Ranger earlier in the day and they had been in the Killman Pond area.

**19:45**

C/Cst ANDERSEN was contacted and several hasty searches of the area were organized. ANDERSEN and fisher officer Denley JACQUE advised they would travel to Killman Pond and out through Fords bite as the Rangers had come home that way earlier in the morning. Several other search teams were deployed to sweep the surrounding areas, including routes between Makkovik and Postville. The following places were searched:

- Makkovik Bay, Boats Cove
- Marks Bite.
- Kiipechawk Bay.
- Killman Pond,
- Monkey
- Sharp Hill.
- Big Island
- Bens Cove.
- All Cabins in boats cove were searched.
- Fords Bite,
- Makkovik - Whole community.

- Ranger Bite Pond.
- Air Strip
- Hare Hill
- Tilt Cove
- Grassy Point.
- Point la Bite
- The Slant
- Indian Head
- Moravian Woods.

The Family was kept abreast of efforts from Search Teams.

Police Spoke with Family and were able to gather the following information.

- Burton was operating a 2008 Skandic, Tundra, Yellow in colour.
- Burton was last seen approximately 13:30 on today's date.
- Burton had empty gas can on back of snowmobile.
- Unclear as if it was tied in the rack or not.
- Burton is 14 yrs old.
- Burton is not very mechanical sound.
- This is Burton's first year operating a snowmobile.
- Burton is not a experienced hunter or experienced on the land.
- Burton does not smoke ( Doubtful he is in possession of a lighter or matches )
- Burton said he was going to his grandmothers.
- Burton was out with the Canadian Ranger earlier in the day.
- Burton had lunch around 12:30.
- Burton left the residence with Willie FLOWERS.
- Burton did not appear to be upset.
- Burton is a quiet kid.
- Burton was a member of the Rangers.
- Burton does not usually go on the ice, told to stay off it by his dad, Rodney JACQUE.
- No history of mental illness.

Note: It was reported that Burton has been spoken to by his parents before lunch on this date in regards to being on computed until 4:00 AM, Buton's computer was taken however he didn't appear to be upset regarding same.

### **23:46**

Ryan POTTLE and Perry Lee EDMUNDS attended the detachment to advise they left Makkovik today to go hunting, they seen a track coming out the bay heading toward the edge of the ice. They advised it was a single snowmobile track not towing a komitak, did not appear to be a widetrack. Track appeared to be a out of the ordinary as they did not know who else would be out on the bay. At this point most areas in the general vicinity had been searched.

**01:00**

Back at detachment, Search teams were debriefed on track leading toward ice. Plan made to send a limited amount of snowmobiles to chase the track, all equipped with Floater suit and rope, all were radios to have direct contact with detachment.

**01:45**

Search team returned from the harbour, Perry VOISEY and Andy EDMUNDS had chased the track toward the open water, both advised that the track was leading toward bad ice and it was extremely dangerous, especially for a search in the night.

**02:30**

Search ended for the night, plan made to meet back at detachment at 7:00 AM to continue with search. Family was updated and advanced message was forwarded in regards. Cpl VARDY was in contact with Sgt YAUDEN attempting to arrange a helicopter for first light.

Weather - Flurries, snow squalls.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Remarks:* Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett - General Report # 2

*Narrative:*

**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett****2012/01/30****07:00**

On the above noted date and time police and search and rescue members met the Makkovik Detachment.

Cpl had made contact with Fire and Emergency Services.

Cpl VARDY contacted RCMP Air Services to pass along information.

Writer contacted Provincial Air lines had passed along information, writer spoke to Shannon who advised she would pass along information to both Provincial Airlines and Air Labrador. Flights currently on weather hold due to heavy flurries in the Makkovik.

Police advised that there was no assistance available from JRCC as same was down for maintenance.

Search Teams deployed in all areas that were searched last night, daytime search to eliminate areas that had been during night time hours.

Postville Search team deployed to search area between Postville and Makkovik.

**10:00**

Weather had lifted slightly, Woodward helicopter on coast for unrelated matters, offered assistance in Search.

**10:40**

Woodward helicopter on scene, Cst ANDERSEN, Errol ANDERSEN, and Perry DYSON airborne.

**12:00**

Universal chopper in Makkovik, Dean, Roy and Robert airborne.

**12:20**

Confirmed sighting of snowmobile track from Cst ANDERSEN, snowmobile track heading toward open water.

**12:25**

Cst ANDERSEN called requesting camera on scene.

**12:30**

Writer picked up by second helicopter, on route with camera to obtain photographs.

**13:00**

Writer on scene, camera turned over to Cst ANDERSEN, Search team headed back to Makkovik to get boat to search open water. Writer left on helicopter to do quick grid search then back to Makkovik. Search team continued to stay on scene.

**14:30**

Writer updated family on information obtained to date.

**15:05**

Cst Todd ST-LOUIS updated WINTERS mother in Happy Valley - Goose Bay regarding track heading toward water.

Search team on scene with boat, currently checking the open water for any debris or confirmation, cannot locate snowmobile track on other side of open water. Open water approximately 60 foot wide. Area photographed by Cst ANDERSEN, area outside open water extremely dangerous, heavy flurries in area.

**16:39**

Search teams on site returned back to Makkovik, area too dangerous to search in night. Plan to return back at first light with boat, Cpl VARDY arranging for underwater camera.

**17:03**

Search called off for the night, plan to meet at detachment at first light.

Areas searched on today's date:

- Makkovik Bay, Boats Cover
- Marks Bite.
- Kiipechuk Bay.
- Killman Pond,
- Monkey
- Sharp Hill.
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No snowmobile or debris located to date.

WINTERS computer seized on todays date, same to be sent to " B " Div Tech Crime. Attempting to gain any information regarding his state of mind or intentions on the days leading up to Sunday. Consent signed by parents.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/01/31**

**08:00**

On the above noted date and time search crews meet at detachment along with members.

Awaiting for underwater camera at this time to search open water concentrated around snowmobile track. Expected time approximately 3:00 PM.

Search teams deployed again to eliminate other areas on land. Search teams sent to:

- Adlavik Bay
- Sharp Hill
- Big Bite
- Monkey.

Police obtained the following information for Tundra snowmobile.

34 inch - skis

42 1/2 - outside to outside.

16 inch = Track

Police will attempt to measure the track leading into open water.

Search Teams on the ground checking in hourly.

**11:00**

Writer updated family, writer was advised that it appeared WINTERS had been on facebook the night before or someone had hacked into his facebook, writer spoke about this with Cpl VARDY and it was determined that the update would have been actually WINTERS himself on Saturday night, Sunday Morning at @ 2:00 AM. There was also some things wrote on facebook, Courtney ALYWARD had wrote " I feel like its my fault ". Family was concerned as they felt that if ALYWARD had lived in Goose Bay maybe she would have asked WINTERS to come visit. Police tried to follow up with Willie FLOWERS however no information was gained. Groomed trail leave Makkovik and goes to Goose Bay however family not sure if WINTERS would attempt this trip.

**12:00**

Search Teams returned back to Makkovik, no sign.

Family has been kept abreast of all developments.

Computer forwarded to "B" Tech Crime.

**13:00**

Teams sent out to open water to start drilling holes with augers to check for snowmobile with camera, once plane arrive with camera Cpl VARDY and Cst ANDERSEN will bring same to scene while writer and three search members will do fly by in platus to try and locate any debris on today's date.

**15:45**

RCMP Air Services on ground in Makkovik. Cpl VARDY and Cst ANDERSEN took possession of underwater camera, both to bring same to scene.

Randy EDMUNDS, Errol ANDERSEN, Travis DYSON and writer aboard platus, members to fly over area to try and locate any debris.

**15:54**

Writer observed snowmobile, machine located approximately 2.5 km's past track located heading toward open water. Snowmobile in upright position, gas can appeared to be 6 feet behind the snowmobile laid in a upright position indicating it was physically placed. Detachment and search members on ground advised of new information. Ice around machine appeared to be very unsafe, lots of cracks between pans, Machine located approximately 400 yards off shore in rough ice. Nothing else spotted.

**16:15**

Returned back to Makkovik. Search teams on ground now heading toward land adjacent to snowmobile.

**17:15**

JRCC Helicopter en route from Halifax.

Family updated.

**17:22**

Advised JRCC will now becoming from Goose Bay once maintenance is complete, maintenance expected to take up to forty minutes.

**18:05**

Search teams on ground unable to locate any sign, heading back to detachment, Terrain too rough for night time search.

**19:30**

Search and Rescue teams back at office.

**21:00**

JRCC from Goose Bay on scene.

**21:23**

Confirmed with JRCC, snowmobile located, Grid search underway.

**22:02**

JRCC back in Makkovik, currently at airstrip refuelling. No sign other than snowmobile.

**23:16**

Aurora on route from St Anthony, Aurora will conduct a heat search in the area.

**23:30**

Aurora on scene.

Family updated.

**01:15**

JRCC returned back to Makkovik for fuel. Spoke to pilot who advised that they located a footprint leaving the snowmobile and heading toward shore, followed for about 150 feet then tracks disappear. JRCC / Aurora on route back to Goose Bay. Writer update family.

Helicopter from Goose Bay arranged for following day, updated advanced message forwarded.

Search will commence at first light.

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### **Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/02/01**

**08:00**

On the above noted date and time Search and Rescue mustered at the detachment. A team of 12 members of Search and Rescue were deployed to search the shoreline adjacent to where the snowmobile was located.

**08:50**

Search teams deployed.

**10:15**

Helicopter in Makkovik, Cst ANDERSEN, Errol ANDERSEN and Randy EDMUNDS aboard.

**10:22**

Search Team on ground called, 8 members repelled over ice cliff, 4 stayed on top to assist with getting members back once search was complete.

**11:10**

Cst ANDERSEN called from helicopter, tracks located going across wild bite to the land then across to foxy rocks.

**11:20**

Additional search team deployed from Makkovik on route to area, 4 members, Rex VOISEY, Perry DYSON, Peter WINTERS and Travis DYSON.

At this time police were advised that people in the community were aware that helicopter had spotted and were following tracks. Writer advised family of this new update.

**11:40**

Writer ad advised by Cpl VARDY that body has been located and onboard the helicopter heading for Makkovik. Writer prepared a komitak and body bag. Cpl VARDY to advise family members.

**11:55**

Helicopter landed in Makkovik, Cst ANDERSEN and writer placed body in bag and transported same to clinic.

**12:00**

Cst ANDERSEN and writer arrived at clinic with body.

**12:13**

Writer advised by staff that body will unclothed, warmed and CPR will commence until further notice from a Doctor in Happy Valley - Goose Bay.

Writer cut clothes away from body. Same not searched as writer was assisting with CPR.

Dr on video conference from Goose Bay, advised that medi'vac will be attending from Goose Bay with a doctor onboard.

**14:55**

Writer was relieved from CPR duties, Doctor and staff had arrived from Goose Bay.

Writer searched clothes at this time, as follows:

- 1 samsung phone, located in front right pocket of coat.
- 1 coat
- Red goggles, lens broken.

- 1 belt
- 1 fleece
- 1 snow pant
- 1 hat
- 2 kamik boots
- pair of shorts
- Underwear
- socks
- Pants
- Charger - appears to be cell phone charger.
- Neck warmer
- Shirt.

Most clothing was cut from body. Same placed in bag as it will go to the ME with the body.

Writer requested back in room to assist with CPR.

**16:00**

Dr Daroy requested that family come to clinic as he wished to speak with them.

**16:37**

WINTERS was pronounced dead by Dr Daroy.

**17:15**

Family were allowed in to room to see the deceased, this was approved by Dr Daroy. Writer stayed in room during the process.

Family were also advised of what would happened to the body as it will be transported to St Johns to the ME'S office.

**18:15**

Tag placed on Toe by writer.

Body placed in bag along with clothing.

**18:31**

Body transported to local church, same locked and Cst ANDERSEN took possession of the key. It should be noted that there is no morgue in Makkovik.

Writer returned back to office.

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**2012/02/02**

**10:05**

Body of WINTERS removed from church by Cst ANDERSEN and writer.  
Body transported to Makkovik airstrip.

**10:55**

Body on board of RCMP Platus, Pilots Chris WILLIAMS and Wayne WINDSOR to transported to body back to Goose Bay where fillatries will take over and arrange fro body to get out to Dr AVIS in St Johns

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*Entered by:* #000169927 HOWLETT, S.

*Entered time:* 2012/02/03 17:16

*Remarks:* Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett - General Report # 5

*Narrative:*

**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/02/03**

Writer received certificate of death from ME's office in St John's, cause of

death was hypothermia, blood alcohol content was zero. Dr AVIS could not provide a time of death in regards.

Writer advised ME'S office to send back all clothes including clothes that was cut at clinic as family requested it back.

Writer sent email to "B" Tech Crime in regards to the computer and was advised that they would not work on the computer as this is not a criminal investigation now and the boy has been found. Same will be sent back to Makkovik Detachment.

Writer updated both family's regarding the certificate of death. Family was advised that computer would be returned once Makkovik Detachment received same back in the mail.

Certificate of death has been added under reports tab.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Entered time:* 2012/02/07 14:59

*Remarks:* Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett - General Report # 6

*Narrative:*

**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/02/07**

**12:30**

On the above noted date and time a local bunch of volunteers were able to safely recover the snowmobile. Perry VOISEY, Andy EDMUND and Dion VOISEY were able to reach the snowmobile on foot and recover the machine by driving it back to town:

Writer obtained the following information:

- The snowmobile was hard to find.
- They didn't notice it until they were 50 yards away.
- The snowmobile was jammed in among rough ice.
- The ice was 4 foot high in places.
- The key was turned off.

- The kill switch was turned off.
- There was about 1/4 tank of gas in the machine.
- The machine was stuck, took 3 men to lift it out.
- There were some foot prints around the machine, almost as if WINTERS was walking around the machine looking to get ashore.
- There was a small crack in windshield.
- One of the screws was loose in the windshield.
- After 7/8 attempts the machine started.
- The gas can was 10 feet behind snowmobile.
- Gas Can was full.
- Snowmobile track was noted out further, coming back toward shore.
- Party advised there was no way to get the machine out of the ice on your own.
- The snowmobile was hard to find given ice conditions.
- The machine was drove back to the RCMP detachment.
- Nothing else around snowmobile.

Cpl VARDY obtained photos of the snowmobile.

Same was placed in RCMP shed per request of the family.

**15:11**

Writer spoke to Cst ANDERSEN regarding the gas can, WINTERS picked up the can after the Junior Rangers outing on the weekend. There is a possibility the can may have been full after the Ranger outing.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Author:* #000169927 HOWLETT, S.

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*Entered by:* #000169927 HOWLETT, S.

*Entered time:* 2012/02/14 09:37

*Remarks:* Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett - General Report # 7

*Narrative:*

**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/02/10**

**16:30**

On the above noted date and time Rodney JACQUE attended the RCMP

Detachment where the deceased Laptop was returned. JACQUE was thankful that Tech Crime had looked at the computer, it gives further closure to the family. JACQUE signed the property receipt, same placed in hardcopy file. JACQUE further advised that he has charged the cell phone and no evidence was gained from same. JACQUE advised he thinks Burton may have took the phone from the house and planned on charging it at his grandmothers residence as the phone was dead and needed to be recharged. In regards to why Burton may have took the phone on this particular day is unclear, it was possible that he would attempt to get on the Internet at his grandmothers as he had lost those privileges at home due to the event the night before, this is merely a speculation and remains unclear.

The snowmobile that was recovered has been released to the family. The machine did not require a mechanical as this is not a criminal investigation anymore. It was obvious the machine did not mechanically fail as searchers drove same back to the community of Makkovik. The recovery team advised it was obviously stuck in ice as it took 3 men to remove it from the ice. The machine is currently in members garage ( Cst Howlett ), the family are not ready to deal with the machine as they are still grieving. The machine will remain in writers garage until the family want access to same. The family requested the machine stay at members house as its a heated garage and likely more secure.

There are two many pictures in regards to this file to add to PROS electronically, same burned to a disc and will be placed on hardcopy file.

- Please see General Report # 8 for list of searchers.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Narrative:*

Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett

List of Ground Search and Rescue Members:

Makkovik Ground Search and Rescue Members in Field 2012/01/29 -  
2012/02/01

- 1) Perry VOISEY ( GSAR )
- 2) Rex VOISEY ( GSAR )
- 3) Dean HEARD ( GSAR )
- 4) Robert GEAR ( GSAR )
- 5) Errol ANDERSEN ( GSAR )
- 6) Randy EDMUNDS ( GSAR )
- 7) Clemence JARARUSE ( GSAR )
- 8) Junior ANDERSEN ( GSAR )
- 9) Gerald MITCHELL ( GSAR )
- 10) Todd BROOMFIELD ( GSAR )
- 11) Denly JACQUE ( Fisheries and Oceans )
- 12) Perry DYSON ( Volunteer )
- 13) Travis DYSON ( Volunteer )
- 14) John ANDERSEN ( Volunteer )
- 15) Ryan POTTLE ( Volunteer ) - Hunter who first spotted tracks going toward open water.
- 16) Sgt BUTTON - Canadian Rangers
- 17) Sgt RUDE - Canadian Rangers.
- 18) Darrell VOISEY - ( Volunteer )
- 19) Bradford JACQUE - ( Volunteer )
- 20) Dion VOISEY - ( Volunteer )
- 21) Christopher VOISEY - ( Volunteer )
- 22) Eric ANDERSEN - Volunteer ) Retired Fishery Officer.
- 23) Eric ANDERSEN Jr - ( Volunteer )
- 24) Tony ANDERSEN ( Volunteer )

- 25) Tommy EVANS - ( Volunteer )
- 26) Garrett PENNY ( Volunteer )
- 27) Kyle Gear - ( Volunteer )
- 28) Andy EDMUNDS - ( Volunteer )
- 29) Perry Lee EDMUNDS - ( Volunteer )
- 30) Mike BISHOP - ( Volunteer )
- 31) Peter WINTERS ( Volunteer )
- 32) Cpl Kimball VARDY - RCMP
- 33) Cst Stephen HOWLETT - RCMP
- 34) Cst Barry ANDERSEN - RCMP C/CST

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- 35) Morris JACQUE
- 36) John ROSE
- 37) Terry GEAR
- 38) Donald JACQUE

- Provincial Air Lines and Air Labrador were passed on information in regards.

- RCMP Air Services assisted and were essential in location the snowmobile on the evening on Tuesday Jan 31st, 2012. ( Pilots WILLIAMS and WINDSOR )

- 1 helicopter from Woodward's assisted in search - Mechanical problems 1 hour into Search.

- 1 helicopter from Universal assisted in Search - Recovered body of WINTERS on Wednesday Feb 1st, 2012.

- 1 Griffin helicopter and 1 Aurora from JRCC assisted in Search on Tuesday Jan 31st, 2012 - On scene for approximately 3 hours.

- Police Dog Services Offered, however, environment not suitable.

- " B " Division Tech Crime assisted in investigation, Victims computer analyzed.

- Underwater Camera sent to Makkovik from " B " Division Dive Team.
- Junior Canadian Rangers.
- Senior Canadian Rangers.
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Note: Numerous donations were made throughout Labrador in regards to supplies, food etc for searchers.

Department of Health and Social Development provided meals for searches throughout duration of Search.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Narrative:*

**Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett**

**2012/02/16**

**13:57**

On the above noted date and time Cpl VARDY burned all photos to disc, same was forwarded to Forensic Imaging in Ottawa. Once same are received writer will complete ledger detailing photos.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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Author: #000169927 HOWLETT, S. Report time:  
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### Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett

**2012/03/03**

Writer still awaiting photos from Forensic imaging in Ottawa.

Writer had length discussion with Dr Avis ( ME ) on Feb 29th, 2012 in regards to the toxicology report. During the initial investigation the ME advised that isopropyl alcohol had been found in the deceased body. However, after further investigation the ME is of the opinion that isopropyl was formed due to exposure to cold temperatures. A time line for when Burton died is merely impossible.

Writer had confirmed early with family that WINTERS should not been in possession of anything that would contain Isopropyl.

### To Do

1) Awaiting photos.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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*Task:* TK2012758562 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/04/17 00:00 #000040250 MORRISON, S. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. [Med] Please See Supp Report 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (

Author: #000169927 HOWLETT, S. Report time: 2012/04/21 10:38  
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 Remarks: Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett  
 Narrative:

### Notes of Cst Stephen Howlett

**2012/04/21**

- Photos have been received from Ottawa, same indexed and labelled, placed in hardcopy file.

- Police met with family and discuss file, family advised that police will be concluding the file in regards.

- Names of all searchers added to General report and hardcopy file

- ME's reported added to file electronically and also hardcopy file.

File submitted for review / conclusion.

Stephen Howlett, Cst

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**Author:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Report time:** 2012/01/30 01:34

**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Entered time:** 2012/01/30 01:34

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

At 1930hrs, member received a call from Mike BISHOP wondering if Hayley, Members step-daughter, had seen Burton WINTERS. Member checked with Hayley who advised that she had not seen him. BISHOP advised that WINTERS had not been seen since 1330hrs and was realized to be missing around supper time when he did not show up at either his home or his grandmothers. Member contacted Cst. HOWLETT and we began to check around town. Facebook was checked and there was no update on WINTERS profile. It was put all over facebook that WINTERS was missing and for anyone with information to contact his parents or the RCMP in Makkovik. In speaking with WINTERS parents it was learned that WINTERS had been told by his Stepmother about being on his computer until 0400hrs the night before and he had his computer taken away. This did not seem to disturb WINTERS too much as he did not show much emotion toward the incident. It was learned that he finished his lunch and left the house with the intent to go to his grandmothers house which is quite common for him to do. At 1330hrs WINTERS had had dropped off his cousin Willy FLOWERS at his grandmothers and left on his 2008 Tundra, skidoo. WINTERS was last seen wearing black snowpants, black boots and a checkered winter jacket.

1943hrs member contacted C/Cst. Barry ANDERSEN who is from the area and also a search commander for the local SAR. Several hasty search teams were depolyed to various locations around the Makkovik area. Searchers checked the town and various trails around the town. Searchers checked all buildings in the Makkovik area incase WINTERS had been hiding from his parents. Searchers checked the route from Makkovik to Postville. All attempts to locate WINTERS were negative.

2237hrs member contacted Ops NCO S/Sgt. Scott MORRISON and advised of the situation.

2241hrs member contacted Sgt. Lloyd YOUNDEN to check on getting a helicopter in the AM.

2346hrs Ryan POTTLE attended the detachment advising that he had seen a narrow track on the ice heading from in Makkovik bay out toward the "Shina", the edge of the ice. POTTLE advised that he seen the track at around 1400hrs and the track was fresh. Searchers were geared up with floater suits and went to follow the track so far to see if they could get a direction of travel.

2012/01/30 0028hrs. The searchers turned back after getting so far out on the ice due to poor ice conditions.

0230hrs the remaining searchers that were in on the land returned and the operations were called off for the night. To be started up again atb 0700hrs. Searchers were advised to return in the AM to continue. KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Entered by:** #000040250 MORRISON, S. **Entered time:** 2012/02/01 16:54  
**Remarks:** Notes  
**Narrative:**  
 2012-02-01

File rev. Good work on file. Please update file, I know you have been tied up with the search. You should be using new reports each day. Also the lead investigator should be using the General Report. Also consulted with PDS Sgt. Chris Gladney about anything they could do. As of now due to ice conditions not safe not much teh dog could do, but he is available if we need their service.

Good work in keeping the family informed and the media and with the District through e-mail.

S/Sgt. Morrison  
 OPS NCO-Labrador District

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**Remarks:**  
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 2012-01-30

0700hrs Member commenced work making contact with Sgt. Lloyd YODEN, RCMP Support Services requesting a helicopter to assist with the search.

#### **C/Cst Barry ANDERSEN was tasked with:**

- Search Incident Commander
- Organizing and deploying Search and Rescue volunteers.
- Liason with Canadian Rangers.

#### **Cst. Stephen HOWLETT was tasked with:**

- Assisting C/Cst. ANDERSEN with SAR operations.
- Maintaining open and continuous communication with the Victims family

-Liasion with community support groups

**Cpl. Kimball VARDY Tasked with:**

-Overseeing all operations

-Advance Message Updates

-Communication with RCMP Support Services

-Communication with Fire and Emergency Services

-Fielding and providing media releases.

0745hrs Ground searchers deployed to Strawberry head shoreline.

0811hrs Ground Searchers were deployed to head South East over to Big Bight, Manaks Island and Adlavik to check the area for any signs.

0834hrs Member spoke with RCMP pilot Wayne WINSOR to advise if they are in the area over Makkovik to keep an eye out. WINSOR advised they were on weather hold out of Goose Bay.

0843hrs Ground Searchers from Postville travelled from Postville to Makkovik checking Kaipokok Bay, Marks Bight and Makkovik Bay for the second time.

All commercial aerservices operating in the area of Makkovik were notified of the search for the missing youth and asked to keep an eye out when flying over. RCMP Aerservices was contacted and advised of the same. Member was advised that all aircraft was on hold due to poor weather conditions.

0850hrs Member contacted Sgt. Lloyd YOUDEN inquiring about the availability of 444 Squadron.

0902hrs Member was advised by Sgt. YOUDEN that the Universal Helicopter tasked to travel to Makkovik to assist with the search was on weather hold.

1000hrs it was learned that there was a helicopter from WOODWARDS Oil in Postville and it was heading to Makkovik to assist with the search efforts.

1005hrs Member spoke with Sgt. Lloyd YOUDEN and advised that the WOODWARDS aircraft was in the air and that the weather had improved. Universal Helicopters was notified and they advised they were enroute with an ETA of around 1200hrs.

1016hrs Member spoke with Sgt. Lloyd YOUDEN about the DFO plane that has FLIR capabilities. Sgt. YOUDEN advised he was waiting on a call back from Paul PEDDLE

1034hrs Received a call from Universal Helicopters, Brian, who advised he was enroute and gave an ETA of 1200hrs.

1040hrs WOODWARDS helicopter on scene, Tasked to search area around Makkovik toward the ocean. See C/Cst ANDERSEN's Supp Report.

1200hrs Universal helicopter on scene.

1220hrs C/Cst. ANDERSEN confirmed the snowmobile track heading into open water off Strawberry Head. C/Cst. ANDERSEN advised that the open water was 60ft across the crack and another 300-400ft of fresh ice. Given that the victim was traveling on a 300cc Tundra snowmobile it would be highly unlikely to have made it across the open water. Searchers checked the shoreline in from the open water to Strawberry Head looking for any sign of footprints. Searchers also checked the open water for any sign of debris to confirm that the snowmobile had gone into the water. Neither was located.

1225hrs C/Cst ANDERSEN called back to request a camera to be brought to the scene.

1230hrs A camera was brought by Cst. HOWLETT to the scene to photograph the tracks going off the edge of the ice.

1410hrs Member updated Sgt. YOU DEN about the tracks heading into open water.

1420hrs Member Updated S/Sgt. MORRISON.

1640hrs Searchers were advised to return to Makkovik from the edge of the ice due to dangerous ice conditions

Member contacted Cst. BABSTOCK and requested the Underwater Camera be sent up to Makkovik. Member made arrangements through RCMP aerservices in Goose Bay to have the camera delivered.

1900hrs Member contacted Cst. BABSTOCK and requested that he have the camera put on the 0830hrs PAL flight from Deer Lake to Goose Bay arriving at 0915hrs.

Member maintained Updated Messages and fielded media releases throughout the day.

KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

2012-01-31

0730hrs Member was notified by Cst. BABSTOCK the camera was delivered to the PAL counter in Deer Lake.

0800hrs Member met with searchers at the RCMP detachment. Everyone advised of progress to date. Member spoke with RCMP Aerservices in Goose Bay who advised they would have the camera picked up and delivered to Makkovik as soon as the RCMP aircraft arrives from Ottawa.

0850Ground search team deployed to Big Bight and Adlavik Bay area to check for signs.

A search team was deployed to double check areas for any possible signs.

Members began comparing the photos of the tracks at the waters edge to those of an identical snowmobile to the victims.

1300hrs Search teams depolyed to the area of ice around the open water to drill some holes with an ice auger in preparation of the arrival of the underwater camera.

1545hrs the RCMP Air Services arrived in Makkovik. Member requested the aircraft take four people onboard including Cst. HOWLETT and fly over the site to look for any debris and or possible tracks.

1554hrs Member received confirmation from Cst. HOWLETT that the snowmobile had been located approximately 2.5kms past the open water and up right on the ice. Cst. HOWLETT advised that the snowmobile was out on a pan of ice with several open water cracks around the area and between the snowmobile and the shore. He advised that the gas can was located behind the snowmobile approx 6ft and in an upright position as if it had been placed there intentionally.

Member immediately made a second request for airtsupport through Fire and Emergence Services. Member was advised that an aircraft would be dispatched from Halifax. A few minutes later Member received notification that the 444 squadron in Goose Bay was completing their maintenance and would be dispatched to the scene.

Searchers were notified of the update and tasked to check the shore along the edge of Strawberry Head out toward Nipper Cove.

1805hrs Ground searchers were unable to locate any sign along the shore. They had difficulty along the terrain due to ice, cliffs and the unset of darkness. The teams were advised to return to Makkovik.

1829hrs member was contacted by Capt. Christian MacDONALD of JRCC 902-427-2100, started working closely with him on giving information about the search area and the location of the snowmobile. Also receiving information on the progress of 444 Squadron. Member was going to see if the 444 Squadron was able to take C/Cst ANDERSEN on board to assist with their search and to give local knowledge of the area. Member was advised that the 444 Squadron would be flying directly to the area from Goose Bay and not dropping into Makkovik until they were in need of fuel. Member was advised that the 444 Squadron had a short window of opportunity as their flying day would have to end at 0100hrs as their allowable work day would be exceeded. They would be required to take a 12 rest period and would not be available again til after 1300hrs the next day. Member inquired wether they could take their rest period in Makkovik to make them closer to the search area but was advised they would have to go back to Goose Bay due to not being able to secure the aircraft.

2100hrs the 444 Squadron was on scene and conducting searches in the area of the located snowmobile.

2123hrs Members received confirmation from Capt. MacDONALD, JRCC Halifax, that the snowmobile had been spotted and they were conducting a grid search.

2203hrs Members met with the 444 Squadron aircraft as it returned to Makkovik to refuel. They had nothing new to add but advised they were continuing with the search.

2316hrs Member was advised through JRCC that an Aurora aircraft was enroute from St. Anthony with FLIR capabilities to search for heat sources. Member was asked if there were any searchers in the area of the area to be searched. Member advised that all searchers had been recalled from the area.

2330hrs the Aurora was on scene

0115hrs The 444 Squadron had returned to Makkovik. Member spoke with the pilot who advised they picked up a track walking from the snowmobile headed south toward the closest point of land. The track went for 100-150ft. then disapeared. The 444 Squadron advised they were done for the night as they had maxed out their flying hours. The Aurora completed its search around the same time, negative results.

Member spoke with Paul PEDDLE of Fire and Emergency Services who made arrangements to have a helicopter from Goose Bay to come to Makkovik for the first thing in the AM.

Advanced Massages Update and Media releases sent by Member throughout the day.

KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Task:** TK2012249609 [Init rpt - Closed] Due: 2012/02/06 00:00 #000169927 HOWLETT, S. - >#000169927 HOWLETT, S. WINTERS - Person Reported Missing 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

**Author:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Report time:** 2012/02/02 00:26

**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Entered time:** 2012/02/02 00:26

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

2012-02-01

0800hrs member met with searchers at the RCMP detachment and briefed everyone.

0850hrs A search team was deployed to go back to Strawberry Head and continue searching for any signs.

1015hrs Universal Helicopter on scene, C/Cst. ANDERSEN, Randy EDMUNDS and Errol ANDERSEN boarded the aircraft to search the area.

1106hrs C/Cst. ANDERSEN reported in to advise they had located tracks leaving the area of the snowmobile headed south past Cape Strawberry, across Wild Bight to Wild Bight Point.

A search team was deployed on snowmobiles to the area of Big Bight searching north east toward Wild Bight Point

1110C/Cst. ANDERSEN advised the tracks traveled south again to Foxy Rocks.

1137hrs C/Cst. ANDERSEN reported back that they located the victim and were headed back to the airstrip in Makkovik.

All searchers were recalled back to Makkovik.

1200hrs WINTERS was brought to the Makkovik clinic.

1215hrs Cst. HOWLETT advised they were warming up WINTERS body and performing CPR on WINTERS until such time his body temperature is up enough to evaluate responsiveness. Medivac flight enroute from Goose Bay with Medical staff on board.

1435hrs the Medivac aircraft arrived from Goose Bay. Member went to assist with bringing medical equipment and staff to clinic

1500hrs member and Cst. HOWLETT assisted medical staff with continuing CPR duties

1637hrs Dr. DAROI pronounced death on WINTERS.

1715hrs Member returned to Detachment to forward advance message and media release.

Member continued with Media Updates.

KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Task:** TK2012286227 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/03/16 00:00 #000042985  
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**Author:** #000119025 ANDERSEN, W.

**Report time:** 2012/02/02 20:09

**Entered by:** #000119025 ANDERSEN, W.

**Entered time:** 2012/02/02 20:09

**Remarks:** WINTERS Missing persons report

**Narrative:**

2012-02-02 20:09

At approximately 1945hrs on Sunday January 29 2012 C/Cst. Barry ANDERSEN, hereinafter as ANDERSEN recieved a call from Cst. Stephen HOWLETT regarding a missing person, Burton WINTERS. ANDERSEN was advised WINTERS had not returned home for supper today and nobody seems to have seem him since 1330hrs on 2012-01-29.

**NOTE:** ANDERSEN is the 5th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group leader of the Junior Canadian Rangers (JCR's) for the Makkovik Patrol. Burton WINTERS is a JCR in this patrol. On January 28-29 2012 the JCR Makkovik Patrol had a two day Field Training Exerise(FTX). Training module was Tradition Skills Weekend. (Build fires, set rabbit snares, observed moose being paunched and quartered, skinned rabbits that was caught etc.) JCR's travelled to Killman Pond aproximately 6KM south west of Makkovik. WINTERS participated in this training both days. JCR's were assisted in fueling up their snowmobiles at Makkovik near ANDERSEN's residence by patrol leadership staff. ANDERSEN personally filled WINTERS Tundra 300 snowmobile gas tank to capacity with 23L of gas at aproximately 0930 on January 28 2012 in preparation for the two day FTX. Upon completion of the FTX on Sunday January 29 2012 WINTERS answered the roll call at 1145hrs along with the other 14 JCR's near the JCR sea-can storage container at Makkovik, NL before JCR's were released back to family as per protocol. At aproximately 1230hrs ANDERSEN saw WINTERS driving on Middle Path Rd towards the Post Office. ANDERSEN did not notice where WINTERS turned from there but his Grandparents home is just a few houses up the road in direction he was travelling. He was alone and dressed as he was for the FTX.

ANDERSEN was advised that WINTERS dad and Mike BISHOP had been looking around town for WINTERS but there was no sign of him or the snowmobile he was driving. Friends had posted messages on Facebook for WINTERS to call his mom or dad as it was unusual for WINTERS not to return home or attend his grandparents home for dinner or suppers. ANDERSEN was able to speak with Rodney JACQUE, WINTERS dad to see if he knew where he may have went. JACQUE stated that WINTERS did not venture far. Just as far as the dump and to Indian Head or Ranger Bight which is just past the School to the west of Makkovik. JACQUE stated that he was cutting firewood not far from where the JCR had the FTX yesturday and today and that WINTERS knew where his wood path was. JACQUE said he returned home just prior to supper time on January 29/12 and did not see his son in that area. Weather conditions were light snow with heavier snow squalls later in the afternoon and evening.

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ANDERSEN mustered three GSAR teams consisting of two members each to do a quick hasty search of the general area of all snowmobile trails leading out of Makkovik. Travis DYSON and Perry DYSON went to Bens Cove area leading north towards Hopedale snowmobile trail. Roy MARTIN and Errol ANDERSEN went to Makkovik Bay area which leads to Postville and they also checked the many cabins in Makkovik Bay and Boats Cove and going as far as Cape War aproximately 16KM from Postville. ANDERSEN and Denly JACQUE conducted a hasty of the entire area the JCR's travelled in the last two days. Hasty searchs were negative. At 2121hrs ANDERSEN/JACQUE returned to Makkovik.

B.ANDERSEN, C/Cst.

2012-01-29 2346

An only lead that was of any significance came from Ryan POTTLE stateing that he had seen fresh snowmobile tracks heading out Makkovik Bay towards the edge of ice. A search party including Perry VOISEY a very experienced hunter with great knowledge of salt water ice was tasked with following the tracks to see where it lead. Due to heavy snow and darkness and very thin ice according to VOISEY the party had to turn back. VOISEY was adimant that the track continued on out towards the open

water. Search ended for night once all parties were safely back at RCMP office at approximately 0230.

2012-01-30 0700

Search commenced in area.

2012-01-30 1040

ANDERSEN, Perry DYSON, Errol ANDERSEN boarded helicopter owned by Woodward's Oil. All three members familiar with and had experience in helicopter safety procedures. ANDERSEN directed pilot to areas to search first. From take off we proceeded to Fords Bight point flying low over the shore line from Makkovik hr. Weather was light snow with cloud cover causing "blinding" conditions. This means we could not see where the sea ice horizon ended and the clouds began. It is all the same white/grey color. Very difficult to see any tracks on the snow as well. Winds were light from the west. No sign was seen from Makkovik to Fords Bight Point. Directed pilot to Strawberry Head over sea ice. Turned northwest from the edge of ice which was a lead approximately 20m wide with another 50M of very thin ice or slob to the outside edge towards the north east looking out to sea/open loose ice covered by nearly 100% as far as we could see in the snow. Flew NW to Ikey's Point over the inside of the ice edge. No sign of anything. Flew back over the outside of the lead to Strawberry Head. Saw fresh polar bear tracks following the lead towards Strawberry head. No sign of anything else. Directed pilot to fly back to Ikey's point on the north side of Makkovik Bay. The open water stretched completely across Makkovik Bay from Ikey's Point to Strawberry Head. From Ikey's Point a deliberate grid search was conducted sweeping from Ikey's Point to Strawberry Head and back west to Makkovik. This covered the entire Makkovik Bay area from ice edge to Makkovik. Grid pattern was approximately 300m apart. No sign of any track at all. Directed pilot to head back to Strawberry head. From Strawberry head we went to Jacko's Island and searched the entire island and its shoreline. Went back over the polar bear tracks and headed back towards Ford's Bight. Just over the open water area the pilot stated we had a problem and had to land immediately. She asked if the ice was thick enough to land on. All three of us on board said no it was not. By then GSAR team was arriving at Strawberry head by snowmobile. Pilot stated that she was headed for Strawberry Head to land due to a "chip light" which is serious. Landed safely on top of Strawberry head. Helicopter shut down. GSAR members came up to see helicopter. No sign of WINTERS. As GSAR members were assisting the pilot by calling her base mechanic and using a snowmobile as a ledge to get up to the engine cowling ANDERSEN was notified that there was possible snowmobile tracks sighted by Perry VOISEY who was making his way along the ice edge walking with Andy EDMUNDS and Perry Lee EDMUNDS. ANDERSEN and Perry DYSON went down to the ice edge and proceeded out to VOISEY and his two sons the EDMUNDS's. Writer was in front and DYSON was behind by about 4m. DYSON yelled shit. ANDERSEN looked back and DYSON had gone into a hole to his armpits. ANDERSEN crawled back hauled DYSON out. DYSON rubbed light snow over his clothes to absorb some of the water and said he was ok to continue on to VOISEY. At approximately 1220 the sky lightened up and ANDERSEN could clearly see snowmobile tracks on the salt water ice running perpendicular to the ice edge heading in a NE or SW direction. Notified Cpl. VARDY and requested a camera to photograph the tracks before they covered up. 1310hrs Cst. HOWLETT arrived with camera by chopper but by then light conditions had changed to dull. Errol ANDERSEN met ANDERSEN with ropes to ensure safety in the area DYSON had went through. Photos of the tracks taken. Four GSAR team members headed back to get a boat to search water for any sign of WINTERS or debris.

B.ANDERSEN, C/Cst.

2012-01-31 0800

Volunteers and GSAR members continued to search in all possible areas sweeping all areas at least three times.

B.ANDERSEN, C/Cst.

2012-02-01 1015

ANDERSEN, Errol ANDERSEN and Randy EDMUNDS boarded a Universal helicopter and headed for the snowmobile located by RCMP Air Services the day before near Nipper Cove Point. Weather was clear sunny, cold and moderate winds from the west. Approximately 1022hrs on scene over snowmobile. ANDERSEN photographed the snowmobile and area. Human foot prints found leading towards Nipper Cove Point. Followed prints by hovering and moving slowly over them. In geographical terms using place names known locally this is the order in which the human foot prints were followed:

-From snowmobile proceeded to south to Nipper Cove Point. Prints went to the land and turn back out to aprox 30m from shore.

-continued straight to "The Look Out point" across Nipper Cove to the south east. Prints were quite visible and photographs were taken as helicopter moved along over them. Went ashore close to land as if to climb onto shore.

-Went up into Wild Bight for quarter of the way.

-Turned east to Wild Bight Point.

-Rounded Wild Bight Point.

Headed south to American Island.

-Came to open water.

-Followed open water to Foxy Rocks.

-Went over top of Foxy Rocks and down NE side onto sea ice.

- Went East towards Green Island following the ice edge of completely open water. Green Island has a red flashing navigation light on it.

-when in breast of Green Island turned towards Green Island. Must have been open water as prints made a slow turn towards Iron Bound Islands and continued on along the ice edge. Prints were very difficult to follow in this area due to very rough pressure ice.

-Prints appeared to be following a pattern of following the ice edge from Green Island as no further land until Iron Bound Islands.

-Person located very close to ice edge at 1123hrs. No signs of life as it did not move. Pilot marked coordinated using UTM format. 21U M 0380730

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-Photos taken of scene by ANDERSEN from helicopter.

-Pilot advised that ice conditions did not look very good. He stated he could put down lightly and members could retrieve person. Pilot stated for ANDERSEN to remain in front seat until Errol and Randy got to the person.

-Person carried to chopper. ANDERSEN could see it was as Burton WINTERS the person we were looking for. He has his coat off and hood over his face and upper body was covered by the coat. No mits on. Hat under his head along with goggles. No mits retrieved to no search time on ice. Body loaded into chopper by ANDERSEN. Coat put over his body. Cpl. VARDY advised by radio to of developements.

At no time in following the foot prints did WINTERS appear to stop, walk in circles or rest. There appeared to be a dilberate effort to get from one point to the next. However, we could not see the foot prints at all time. Chopper had to rise up on many occations as it was much easier to see the prints from about 500 feet.

Body transported by ANDERSEN and Cst. HOWLETT to Makkovik clinic. Cst. HOWLETT maintained continuity as ANDERSEN assited in getting GSAR team members back to Makkovik and briefed on outcome.

B.ANDERSEN, C/Cst.

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**Task:** TK2012250420 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/02/07 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

**Author:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Report time:** 2012/02/05 16:11

**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Entered time:** 2012/02/05 16:11

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

On 2012-02-04 Member made arrangements to have Vivian O'BRIEN, a Critical Incident Debriefing, come into Makkovik on 2012-02-05 at 1320hrs.

On 2012-02-05 at 1320hrs member picked up O'BRIEN at the airstrip and brought her to the local hotel. Member made arrangements for her to utilize the DHSD bldg to speak with people about the incident. Member has contacted all persons who were directly involved with the finding, transport and medical attention of the body. All persons were encouraged to take part in a one on one debriefing with O'BRIEN.

1335hrs Member spoke with Medical staff at the clinic. Both Nurses and the Dentist who were present all declined to meet with O'BRIEN. Staff member, Anders ANDERSEN agreed and met with OBRIEN at 1400hrs.

1500hrs Errol ANDERSEN, who was on the helicopter when the body was located, met with OBRIEN.

1600hrs Irene HEARD, Clinic Staff, met with OBRIEN.

1800hrs Randy EDMUNDS met with OBRIEN

1900hrs Cst. HOWLETT met with OBRIEN

2000hrs C/Cst. ANDERSEN met with OBRIEN

2130hrs Cpl. VARDY met with OBRIEN

2012-02-05 1300hrs Robyn PARSONS, Cpl. VARDY's Spouse, and Naomi JENKINSON, Cst. HOWLETT's spouse, met with OBRIEN.

KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Author:** #000104953 FRANKLAND, S.

**Report time:** 2012/02/07 11:04 NST

Entered by: #000104953 FRANKLAND, S.

Entered time: 2012/02/07 11:05 NST

Remarks:

Narrative:

**2012-02-07 @ 11:05**

Writer received a laptop belonging to Burton WINTER on 2012-02-06 with a request to conduct an analysis on the computer looking at the users activity in the days leading up to his disappearance.

Writer connected the laptops hard drive to a forensic write blocker and previewed the drive with EnCase. Upon sorting all the files on the system by last access date it was clear that the last user activity on the system was the web browser Google Chrome. Writer extracted several Google Chrome SQLite DB files that contain user activity in order to get an idea of what the user was doing on the system. Writer was not able to see what content was being viewed but was able to get an idea of what a user was doing during there time online.

The first thing writer looked at was Google searches. 110 search strings were saved in the History file and all appeared general search strings such as music, videos, jokes, etc. Next looked was the downloaded files in which there were 30 and all appeared to be related to software, games, music, etc. In the URLS section a total of 3276 entries were found with most relating to Facebook and the rest being game sites, Google, etc. The Facebook URLS showed that he spent a lot of time looking at pictures (unsure of what) and talking with friends. The friends names were known but no actual conversations or messages were recovered. Also it was noted that the Mr. WINTERS Facebook username and password (password is encrypted) is saved so when he goes to Facebook it will log him in automatically. The family was wondering about accessing the account and they should be able to if the use the computer and the Google Chrome browser.

No documents, photos, or videos were located that were noteworthy.

Based on this writer is sending the computer back to the investigator so it can be returned to the family. It should be noted that this device was **not** imaged and once it is returned we will not be able to do any further analysis. It should also be noted that writer did not do a fully analysis on this device and no formal report will follow. The preview was conducted to confirm what investigators had already figured out. It should also be noted that when this device is connected back to the internet it may have access to data that is stored online (Facebook account etc) which may result in new information coming forward. If this is the case the website owners may have to be contacted to obtain this information as further analysis will not recover this data.

---Cst. Scott Frankland---

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Remarks:

Narrative:

External Reports received from JRCC, Sgt. YOU DEN and Sgt. McKAY added to the file.

DND report into the **Canadian Forces Response to Incident in Makkovok dated February 7th 2012** received from Rear Admiral David GARDAM added to file.

KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Task:** TK2012758181 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/04/01 13:36 #000040250 MORRISON, S. ->#000044209 CAHILL, P. 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PATH) (Div: B, Dist: LA

**Author:** #000044209 CAHILL, P.

**Report time:** 2012/02/13 15:13

**Entered by:** #000044209 CAHILL, P.

**Entered time:** 2012/02/13 15:12

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

2012-02-13

File reviewed. Throughout file District Commander was briefed from the start through Advance Messages and phone conversations with Cpl Vardy and S/Sgt Morrison ( OPS NCO) . Although not the result we had hoped for, appreciation to all those involved in the search, including members, volunteers, air crews is expressed. This file is well documented and contains time lines of several members which are consistent.

Couple of things which I know were done but I could not see documented in the reports. Please document or confirm on Hard Copy file.

- Are all the searchers listed on the file for possible future reference ( not necessarily indexed but on supp report)

- photos added to file?

- medical examiners report on file

- any notations on file of meeting with family and rear admiral by telephone.

- any / all consultations/ meetings with family.

Thanks

Pat

P.Cahill Distr Cmdr

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**Task:** TK2012355537 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/03/10 12:07 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing Person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

**Author:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Report time:** 2012/03/11 13:52

**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Entered time:** 2012/03/11 13:51

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

File reviewed and Insp. CaHILL's comments are noted and all except the meeting between the family and Rear Admiral GARDAM have been addressed on file.

Member was present during the telephone conference between Rear Admiral DARDAM and the family. Member was contacted by the Commanding Officer for "B" Div. Chief Superintendent BOLAND and asked to gather the parents of Burton WINTERS and some support persons. Member was asked to have them attend the RCMP office in Makkovik to receive a phone conference call from the CO and Rear Admiral GARDAM.

The family members were gathered in the RCMP office with Cpl. VARDY where all sat around the phone which was placed on speaker. Rear Admiral GARDAM expressed his sympathy to the family and went on to explain the Military's position of the search. He wished to express these views to the family prior to making a media statement. The family was quite upset and had many unanswered questions during and following the phone conference. The family felt that the Rear Admiral had a written statement to relay to them but could not answer any of the questions posed to him.

Following the phone conference, Cpl. VARDY was left with a family that was upset, dismayed and angry at the Military's handling of the search and the family itself. The family assured Cpl. VARDY that they had no ill feelings toward the RCMP's efforts nor the efforts of the ground search as they were present throughout and felt that all was done that could be done with the resources on hand. KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Task:** TK2012614106 [Audit/reviewed - Closed] Due: 2012/03/16 14:16 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->B DIV MAKKOVIK DET review and conclude 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PATH) (Div: B, D

**Author:** #000040250 MORRISON, S.

**Report time:** 2012/03/27 13:40

**Entered by:** #000040250 MORRISON, S.

**Entered time:** 2012/03/27 13:40

**Remarks:** Notes

**Narrative:**

2012-03-27

File rev. Are photos added to file or on hard copy file, indexed and labelled? Searchers involved in search listed on Supp Report? Is copy of ME report on file?

Also please sit down with the family that our file is concluded.

DD extended for meeting with family.

S/Sgt. Morrison

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**Task:** TK2012758562 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/04/17 00:00 #000040250 MORRISON, S. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. [Med] Please See Supp Report 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (

**Author:** #000042985 VARDY, K.

**Report time:** 2012/04/23 10:45

Entered by: #000042985 VARDY, K.

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Remarks:

Narrative:

File Reviewed, KG VARDY, Cpl. 42985

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**Task:** TK2012998962 [Review other - Closed] Due: 2012/04/28 10:46 #000042985 VARDY, K. - >B DIV MAKKOVIK DET OPS NCO for review and CH 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PATH) (Div:

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**Narrative:**

2012-04-24

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S/Sgt. Morrison

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**Entered by:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S.

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**Person:**

**Address:**

**Vehicle:**

**Officer:**

**Remarks:**

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**Task:** TK2012286227 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/03/16 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000169927 HOWLETT, S. FIR - WINTERS - Person reported missing 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR N

**Author:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S. **Report time:** 2012/01/29 19:30  
**Entered by:** #000169927 HOWLETT, S. **Entered time:** 2012/02/03 16:51  
**Person:**  
**Address:**  
**Vehicle:**  
**Officer:**  
**Remarks:**

**Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 421.78 KB]:**

**Occurrence:** 2012109461 [Disp.] Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 (, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)) (Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS (

**Task:** TK2012250420 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/02/07 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

**Author:** #000040252 MCKAY, P. **Report time:**  
**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K. **Entered time:** 2012/02/07 12:16  
**Person:**  
**Address:**  
**Vehicle:**  
**Officer:**  
**Remarks:** Briefing note to the Commissioner

**Ext. doc. occ report [DOC, 7.22 KB]:**

**Occurrence:** 2012109461 [Disp.] Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 (, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)) (Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS (

**Task:** TK2012250420 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/02/07 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

**Author:** UNKNOWN **Report time:**  
**Entered by:** #000042985 VARDY, K. **Entered time:** 2012/02/07 12:20  
**Person:**  
**Address:**

Vehicle:  
 Officer:  
 Remarks: SAR Incident Report

**Ext. doc. occ report [WPD, 3.19 KB]:**

Occurrence: 2012109461 [Disp.] Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 (, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)) (Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS (

Task: TK2012250420 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/02/07 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

Author: #000037635 YOU DEN, L. Report time:  
 Entered by: #000042985 VARDY, K. Entered time: 2012/02/07 12:23  
 Person:  
 Address:  
 Vehicle:  
 Officer:  
 Remarks:

**Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 1.04 MB]:**

Occurrence: 2012109461 [Disp.] Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 (, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)) (Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS (

Task: TK2012250420 [Further inv. required - Closed] Due: 2012/02/07 00:00 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->#000042985 VARDY, K. WINTERS - Missing person 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PA

Author: REAR ADMIRAL DAVID GARDAM Report time:  
 Entered by: #000042985 VARDY, K. Entered time: 2012/02/10 12:02  
 Person:  
 Address:  
 Vehicle:  
 Officer:  
 Remarks:

**Ext. doc. occ report [XFDL, 11.01 KB]:**

Occurrence: 2012109461 [Disp.] Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 (, MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NF Canada A0P 1J0 (BACK PATH) (Division: B, District: LABRADOR, Detachment: Makkovik, Zone: MAK)) (Rod JACQUE advised police his son Burton WINTERS (

Task: TK2012614106 [Audit/reviewed - Closed] Due: 2012/03/16 14:16 #000042985 VARDY, K. ->B DIV MAKKOVIK DET review and conclude 2012109461 Coroner's Act - Sudden Death/Other Activities @2012/01/29 19:30 AST (MAKKOVIK, LABRADOR NL Canada (BACK PATH) (Div: B, D

Author: #000169927 HOWLETT, S. Report time: 2012/03/22 10:17  
 Entered by: #000169927 HOWLETT, S. Entered time: 2012/03/22 10:16  
 Person:  
 Address:  
 Vehicle:  
 Officer: #000169927 HOWLETT, S.

Remarks: