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**From:** Gullage, Cheryl  
**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2012 11:05 AM  
**To:** Samson, Mike  
**Cc:** McCormack, Marilyn; McCormack, David  
**Subject:** Fw: RCMP "B" Division Response to CBC News story May 7, 2012  
**Attachments:** Re: RCMP "B" Division Response to CBC News story May 7, 2012

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**To:** Gullage, Cheryl; Mundon, Tansy  
**Sent:** Mon May 07 11:02:10 2012  
**Subject:** Fw: RCMP "B" Division Response to CBC News story May 7, 2012

Please share with Mike Warren.  
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**From:** Andrew Boland <Andrew.Boland@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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**From:** Jeff Thompson <Jeff.Thompson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2012 10:51 AM  
**To:** Andrew Boland; Marc Coulombe  
**Cc:** Chris Fitzgerald; Lloyd Youden  
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Andrew, this is what we have at this point.

Jeff

>>> Marc Coulombe 2012-05-07 10:49 >>>  
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Below is a time line of events in the search for Burton Winters

January 29th, 2012:

8:00 PM (NL time) Makkovik RCMP receive a report of an overdue youth traveling on snowmobile. He was last seen at 2:00 PM (NL time). A search was being conducted in the area during the evening period by the RCMP and local search and rescue members.

11:10 PM (NL time) a call was made to RCMP Operational Support Services requesting helicopter assistance. Through discussions with Cpl. Vardy, it was decided to have the search continue in the community and surrounding area. Present weather conditions were deteriorating. A request for helicopter assistance would be made to NL Provincial Fire and Emergency Services in the morning. The ground search was continuing regardless of weather or light conditions.

Based on the investigational findings the ground search teams continued to follow leads and ensure a thorough search of the community and area was completed. Searchers did not have a starting point and continued to look throughout the community. The investigational team were aware of a prior situation where Burton Winters was overdue and had been found hiding in the community.

January 30th, 2012:

12:15 AM (NL time) A community member attended the detachment advising that he had seen a narrow track on the ice heading from Makkovik Bay out toward the "Shina", the edge of the ice. This track had been observed initially at around 2:30 PM (NL time). Searchers were sent out to follow the track to see if they could get a direction of travel.

1:00 AM (NL time) The searchers turned back after getting as far as possible but had to return due to poor ice conditions.

3:00 AM (NL time) All remaining searchers returned and the operations were called off for the night.

6:38 AM (NL time) RCMP Operational Support Services contacted Cpl. Vardy for an update. Burton Winters had not been located. Makkovik RCMP advised that the snow continued to fall and was covering any tracks.

8:00 AM (NL time) RCMP Air services were contacted by Support Services to confirm weather conditions and confirm if they would be flying to coastal Labrador on this date and would be available to assist. Air Services informed RCMP Operational Support Services that the plane was unable to fly due to poor weather conditions but once weather permitted would be available to assist in a search.

8:45 AM (NL time) RCMP Operational Support Services contacted NL Fire and Emergency Services and requested helicopter support. NL Fire and Emergency Services would assess the availability and advise the RCMP.

9:00 AM (NL time) RCMP Operational Support Services was advised by Makkovik RCMP that weather conditions in the area were poor and that there was no commercial aircraft flying.

9:40 AM (NL time) NL Fire and Emergency Services advised RCMP Operational Support Services that weather conditions were not suitable for Universal helicopters to conduct flights at that time. They further advised that DND resources were not available for unknown reason.