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VERSIONS OF THE CFNIS INVESTIGATION REPORT – GO# 2015-4282
FOR FRIENDLY FIRE INCIDENT RESULTING IN SGT DOIRON'S DEATH

Reference: CFNIS Report for GO# 2015-4282 dated 22 April 2015

1. CFNIS conducted an independent investigation to determine whether criminality played a role in the death of Sgt Doiron and, if necessary, lay appropriate charges.
2. I hereby authorize the public release of the redacted CFNIS report at reference.


R.P. Delaney
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	<p>CFPM/GPFC NARRATIVE TEXT HARDCOPY</p> <p>GO # 2015-4282</p>
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Narrative: Initial Complaint 1
 Author: Sgt TUSTIN
 Related Date: 6 Mar 15

At 2130 hrs, 6 Mar 15, Capt UTTON, CFNIS CR, contacted CFNIS AR Duty Officer and advised that members on standby for the high readiness deployment for "Op Impact" were now on 24 hrs standby to deploy to Kuwait. Sgt TUSTIN and Cpl SPRINGSTEAD were immediately contacted and later advised that they would be investigating the death of a 1 x CAF mbr and 3 x CAF injured mbrs from CANSOFCOM who were operating in Northern Iraq.

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	CFPM/GPFC NARRATIVE TEXT HARDCOPY
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Narrative: Case Summary
Author(s): Sgt TUSTIN/Maj LEBLANC
Related Date: 22 Apr 15

1. At 2030 hrs, 06 Mar 15, CFNIS was notified of a death of a service member in Iraq, Sgt DOIRON, as well as the injury of

The CFNIS subsequently deployed Sgt TUSTIN and Cpl SPRINSTEAD to investigate.

2. During this investigation, many interviews were conducted, participation in the mortuary affairs processes occurred, and many physical sites were visited. Though not under the jurisdiction of the CFNIS, the friendly forces at OP agreed to and were interviewed.

3. The CAF members (Sgt DOIRON, were on a legitimate approved patrol when visiting OP where the shooting took place. Before the patrol departed, they had submitted a 5W report (a report that identifies the parameters of the patrol), which was approved at 2016 hrs, 6 Mar 2015, when responded to the 5Ws request via Email stating "You are cleared hot". On approach to the OP, the CAF patrol, so as to not cause any concern for the OP friendly force members.

4. CFNIS interviewed involved CAF members during this investigation and the interviews of CAF members were consistent throughout. The following are the salient points:

- a. stated sometime in the afternoon on 6 Mar 2015, he and his team attended OP and talked with the Peshmerga fighting force located there. They had been attacked the night prior and were weary and tired and the Peshmerga told them they required some assistance; therefore, the team informed them they would return later in the evening to help them out at night;
- b. all interviewed members confirmed that they did not speak Arabic on approach to OP and made a lot of noise. One CAF member, did speak Arabic after the shooting occurred while assisting with First Aid;
- c. all CAF members confirmed that they did not rack their weapons, nor did they fire back;

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- d. upon hearing OP members racking their weapons, Sgt DOIRON responded with "wow, wow, wow, Canada" the OP and got shot; and
 - e. all four members of the patrol were wounded during the incident in question.
5. The CFNIS interviewed all friendly forces that were at the OP including the shooter. The following are the salient points that were learned:
- a. CFNIS Investigators asked if sleep deprivation or the stress of being on high alert, possibly might have contributed to this mistake, admitted "yes,yes,yes,yes", on that day and we were exhausted.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
6. At 0016 hrs, 12 Mar 2015, CFNIS Investigators learned the results of the autopsy indicated Sgt DOIRON
7. It was determined during the investigation that the friendly force OP positions A friendly force commander that was interviewed,

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8. Due to the actions encountered by CAF elements, processes have been put in place to ensure that this type of incident doesn't occur in the future.

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Narrative: Concluding Remarks

Author: Sgt TUSTIN

Related Date: 29 Mar 15

This CFNIS Investigation into the Operational Sudden Death of Sgt DOIRON revealed he was killed as a result of Peshmerga Forces mistaking him and other members of SOTF for ISIS fighters.

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