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Attention: Inspector David McLean

Re: Bo Chausse
News Releases dated December 2 and 3, 2006
Compromising Peace in Caledonia – Not an Option

Dear Sir:

We have been consulted by Quintin (“Bo”) Chausse with respect to two news releases issued by your unit on December 2, 2006 and December 3, 2006. The latter news release was virtually reprinted in *The Regional News* on December 6, 2006 and in *The Grand River Sachem* on December 8, 2006.

The December 2, 2006 news release contains the following passage:

“... there are persons that attempted to disrupt a difficult and fragile process. These individuals created an atmosphere that jeopardized the safety of our communities. As a result one male was arrested for Trespassing. These persons need to be reminded that there is a peace process underway and their actions had serious implications not only on the peaceful negotiations, but well being of residents in the area.”

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The December 3, 2006 news release contains the following passages:

“Caledonia ON – the O.P.P. once again had their hands busy this weekend dealing with a handful of residents who decided to jeopardize the fragile peace established in Caledonia. Two residents, using the motive of ‘Supporting Our Troops’ decided to taunt the First Nations Occupiers on the Douglas Creek Site by encouraging others in attempting to erect Canadian Flags adjacent to the site.

Despite warnings from police that these actions were juvenile and could potentially put the community at risk, these self-serving individuals continued with their plans and by doing so ramped up tensions in the Community. ...”

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“As a result of the incident on Saturday one male party was arrested for Trespassing and released unconditionally. The male party, clearly frustrated with the ongoing occupation expressed regret for his action to police. ...”

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“The O.P.P. will not tolerate the actions of those willing to put their own self-motivated agendas ahead of the betterment of the community. The O.P.P. remains committed to keeping the peace and wish to remind everyone that there will be serious consequences for these types of selfish and juvenile actions.”

Although Mr. Chausse is not identified in the press releases, it would be clear to any resident of Caledonia who knew of the incident that the individual referred to in the releases was Mr. Chausse.

These passages, including and in particular the following statements:

- a. that Mr. Chausse “created an atmosphere that jeopardized the safety of the community”;
- b. that Mr. Chausse was arrested for trespass;
- c. that Mr. Chausse’s actions had “serious implications” on the “well being of residents in the area”;
- d. that Mr. Chausse “decided” to taunt the First Nations Occupiers and encouraged others to do so;