

# Not Quite Convinced Yet?

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For sixteen months and counting, we've read about, seen with our very own eyes and heard with our very own ears from numerous sources that when it comes to policing an area that is under aboriginal occupation there is a system of Two Tier justice that is now well entrenched.

In Caledonia there have been many eye witnesses to this. For example, the 100 foot no-go zone. Many non-aboriginal residents have seen aboriginals well inside this infamous zone yet not one single arrest. But let a non-aboriginal woman go into this zone, sit quietly and peacefully in a lawn chair while innocently sipping a cup of coffee and what happens? Dozens of OPP officers remove her.

And the most recent example of Two Tier policing involved an aboriginal male waiving, in full view, a loaded AK47, a prohibited weapon in Canada, (we won't even get into how this prohibited weapon got into Canada), on the DCE, yet not one single OPP officer tried to stop him from leaving the immediate area. Result, another aboriginal male, an innocent victim, ends up getting shot in the arm. He's extremely lucky he wasn't killed.

Of course there's the famous raid, way back on April 20, 2006, when only 80 OPP officers went onto the DCE and failed to remove the occupiers, who had been ordered removed by the court. Just how hard were the police really trying? The Ipperwash Inquiry found that the OPP botched their raid in Ipperwash because of poor intelligence.

Now, in case you need more proof that areas NOT experiencing aboriginal occupation get proper policing, take the new story of a massive raid in Toronto, in the Jane and Finch area, and other parts of the GTA.

The Jane and Finch area has long been a trouble spot with violent gangs, one of the most notorious being the Driftwood Crips gang. This is also the area where 15 year old Jordan Manners lost his life when he was shot and killed in the hallway of the school he attended.

So today, June 13, 2007, over 150 areas were targeted in a pre-dawn raid involving 700 Toronto Police officers and other officers from the OPP and the RCMP. Now that's a show of force by police who take serious crime seriously.

Over 60 people were arrested. At 5 a.m. people living in the area were awakened by loud banging noises which turned out to be police using battering rams to break down doors and get at suspected criminals.

Also seized were over \$1 million in drugs and dozens of guns and ammunition. All in the name of preventing further crime. At least as much as can be prevented in any given police raid.

So there you have it folks. Take an area with an aboriginal occupation and police walk around on eggshells. Take an area rife with crime but no aboriginal occupation and police act like police are supposed to act when dealing with crime. They move in with a massive show of force and get the job done.

The point is it shouldn't matter whether or not there's an aboriginal occupation. If crimes are being committed then the police should treat it seriously with no regard to race.