

sought the cooperation of numerous police agencies throughout Canada.

"We've had police forces from all over the country assist us in this investigation over the years," MacNaughton says.

"One particular force in the greater Vancouver area assisted us with the investigation of a suspect in that area. The suspect passed away almost a year ago but, in circumstances such as this, it would not interfere with our continued investigation."

Due to the status of the investigation MacNaughton was not prepared to release the suspect's name at the time this story went to press.

Advances in Technology

The RCMP has recently been offered access to a new investigative tool called Profiler Plus DNA testing. This DNA process is available to police forces throughout the country. Since the introduction of this new process, all exhibits in the Bradley case have now been resent to various laboratories across Canada for re-examination.

During the last few years, a computer analysis specialist has assisted the RCMP in its investigation.

Photographs of the investigation have been provided to this expert for imaging enhancements.

"This enables both the police and the forensic pathologists to obtain a closer view of not only the crime scene photos but the specific areas in the photos that will help them, help us," she explains.

Geographic Profiling and Personality Profiling of Suspects

MacNaughton is currently being assisted in this investigation by a specialized section of the RCMP in Ottawa called the Violent Crime Analysis Branch. Inspector Glenn Woods, a criminal profiler with the RCMP, is actively involved in the case. According to

MacNaughton, Woods investigates many of the historical homicides across the country — with a tremendous success rate.

"Inspector Woods came to St. John's. After being made aware of the facts of the case, he and I went for a drive. I drove a route through the city. We started at the point where she was picked up. We ended up in Maddox Cove — what they call the pit, where Dana's body was found."

MacNaughton parked the car in the same spot where the suspect vehicle had been seen the night Dana's body was found.

"We got out and walked up the pathway into the pit. I remember it was the eeriest feeling," she recalls. "We stood there in silence. You couldn't hear a thing. It was ... I just remember standing there. I was trying to reminisce of what it was probably like — finding her there, what could have happened there. It's not very often I get that feeling but it was certainly there that day with Glenn Woods."

After visiting the body recovery site, Woods will now use his expertise and experience to link the criminal with the crime. "Glenn will be taking a lot of material into account while working on this one," MacNaughton explains.

"Such things like autopsy reports and pictures, planned drawings, crime scene photos, the victimology of the victim, a summary of the investigation to date, the forensic laboratory and exhibit reports, the demographics of the area, the weather condition that day, suspect and witness statements — he'll be looking at everything. It's a very detailed procedure and one we hope will help us solve this homicide."

Woods will also be making a return visit to RCMP headquarters in St. John's as part of his active investigation.

Mitochondria DNA Testing

Due to recent breakthroughs in DNA testing, outstanding physical evidence in the Bradley