

Prior to Cpl. Spencer's arrival, local Members and firemen had searched the house for five and a half hours. Twenty men had searched the woods surrounding the home in case Marsha had run away and hidden. No one had found any sign of her.

When Cpl. Spencer arrived, P.S.D. "Sultan" began searching the basement. He drew attention at first to a mound of dirt, where the remains of a cat had been found. As the search continued to the upstairs of the home, "Sultan" started to paw at some boards covering a pile of rubble. Under the boards, Marsha Biggar was found, burned beyond recognition. In all, "Sultan" had located her within fifteen minutes.

Break, Enter and Theft

At 7:40 p.m. on January 13, 1977, Cst. J. G. Brewin of the P.S.D. Section, North Vancouver Detachment, left his residence with Police Service Dog "Bandit", to carry out a tour of duty. Forty minutes later that same night, members of a surveillance team from the same Detachment observed two men entering a house. The men were carrying two rifles and a revolver. Both of them were known to be locally active in prostitution, drugs and other crime.

A few moments after the two men were seen with the weapons, they both left their residence. They were followed for some time by unmarked police vehicles. At an appropriate time and place, they were stopped and arrested. Two rifles were seized, but the revolver could not be located. The subjects were returned to detachment cells while investigating members prepared a warrant to search their residence for the handgun.

At 10:40 p.m., Cst. Brewin and P.S.D. "Bandit" were requested to assist the members in searching the subjects' residence and yard for the revolver. Cst. Brewin entered the house a few minutes behind the other members, and was informed that no revolver had yet been

found. He was, however, shown an RCMP "Sam Browne" belt and holster which had been discovered in the house. This indicated the handgun was not only an illegally possessed weapon, but was quite likely a service revolver, stolen from an RCMP member.

Cst. Brewin then endeavoured to assist in the search. As he did, he spotted a shotgun and a rifle standing in a nearby closet. It occurred to him that the two guns appeared remarkably similar to two he owned. The closer the examination, the closer the resemblance grew. He then realized the two guns were indeed his. He shouted his discovery to the other members, all of whom were just as astonished. The two subjects must have broken into his home between the time he left for work, and the time they were seen entering their own residence. The two rifles which had been seized earlier were also identified as Cst. Brewin's property. The revolver up to this point had still not been recovered, but by now they felt certain that we were searching for his issue .38 special service revolver.

Cst. Brewin then hastily made a trip across town to his residence where he confirmed that his house had indeed been broken into. Enquiries next door revealed the culprits had driven into his driveway 15 minutes after he had left.

His service revolver was found in the subject's house, in the pocket of a prostitute's coat. It, along with three rifles, one shotgun and some bullets were entered as evidence in seven charges laid against each of the two subjects.

Accidental Death of Elise Joubert

At 3:15 a.m. on December 12, 1976, Mr. Barry Scott, Fire Chief of the Village of Canterbury, N.B., phoned Woodstock Detachment to tell them of a multiple-dwelling fire. Firemen from Canterbury, Meductic, Woodstock and Nackawick were already fighting the rapidly-spreading blaze when RCMP members arrived. The members were told the fire