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Arrest made after 32 hour investigation

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The search came to an end shortly after 3:00am when a fellow Standard driver, proceeding slowly down Charlotte Street, noticed Maclsaac's cab. Parked in the long, narrow driveway close to the rear apartment of 262 Charlotte Street, the cab's engine was still running, its headlights were on and the driver's side door was open. (Mr. Maclsaac lay next to his vehicle.)

Fredericton City Police were notified and on the scene within minutes. "The first officer responding secured the crime scene, called the shift supervisor and began a cordon. From that point on, no one else was allowed in to or out of the area," said

"Further police force members were required to maintain the unbroken chain of evidence," said Cane. "One member is assigned to the continuity of all exhibits - all of the evidence must go through that person. The body must also remain one person's responsibility, and that member must remain with the body up to the conclusion of the autopsy."

The process of gathering physical evidence was long and methodical, continuing long after the removal of the body and concluding some twelve hours after police first appeared on scene.

Physical evidence may include potential murder weapons, blood, hair, fiber and fingerprint evidence as well as anything left at the scene by either the perpetrator or the victim.

turned off and towed away. Their destination was the underground garage of the Fredericton City Police force's station on Queen Street, where they were to be swept by police forensic experts. Blood stains were visible on the rear passenger window and the rear door on the driver's side of the late model Ford Tempo.

Also removed from the scene was a van belonging to a local electrical contractor. Although neither the company or its van had any direct involvement with the crime, Cane stated the vehicle was seized as it was believed the suspect may have come into contact with it. The vehicle was removed to the City Depot's secure bay to be swept by forensic experts.

Despite the physical evidence, Cane states that "good, old-fashioned police work" was the decisive factor in closing the case, when the FCP began the process of sifting through tips recorded on the hastily established TIPS line and contacting informants, as well as examining and interpreting the physical evidence.

In a revelation that many city residents have found surprising, no information of any use to the investigation was gathered from the Charlotte Street area residents, in sharp contrast to the number of useful tips recorded on the TIPS line.

According to Cane, "It was kind of remarkable that in such a quiet area, no one heard anything at all. Police officers either woke most people up by knocking on their doors or area residents awoke to see our cars parked in the area."

"The people living closest to the murder scene were no more than 15 feet away and did not hear a thing. In reality, though, it's not that difficult to realize that people living downtown hear horns blowing and general commotion at all hours, especially on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night."



At left is Constable Houlston, Fredericton City Police forensic expert crossing the police line. Inspector Shane Clowater, head of the Criminal Investigation Division, is at far right. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

Cane. The police did call for an ambulance, but medical workers at the scene quickly determined Maclsaac was dead and, according to Cane, "there was therefore no reason to remove the body until the forensic portion of the investigation was complete."

In cases such as this, the investigation begins with an emphasis on the collection of physical and forensic evidence at the scene of the crime.

Thus, initially, some twenty-five officers were assigned to the case, including dog handlers, forensic experts and a core of twelve to fifteen investigators. The crime scene and area was cordoned off. From the outset, the investigation was under the command of Inspector Shane Clowater, head of the Criminal Investigation Division.

"The investigation began with us attempting to glean as much physical evidence as possible from the scene. Dog handlers were brought in to do an initial search for those responsible. From there, we began the search for physical evidence and continually widened out the search area. Additionally, the entire crime scene was extensively photographed," said Cane.

According to Cane, a great deal of physical evidence was recovered at the scene, including what police believed to be the murder weapon, and a pair of gloves that may have had blood on them. Cane went on to state that the gloves in question were recovered from the 200 block of Saunders Street.

According to sources connected to the case, the murder weapon was some form of knife.

Although police will not confirm or deny the existence of DNA evidence in this case, its absence in a crime such as this would be unusual. Such evidence may, however, be of limited use at trial, since the suspect has an identical twin brother. Although DNA varies from person to person just like fingerprints, identical twins have identical DNA.

According to Cane, however, the existence of a twin was not a hindrance to the investigation. Young's twin was in Nova Scotia at the time of the murder.

Although most of the physical evidence was gathered early in the investigation, police evidence technicians were still hard at work into the early afternoon, when the cabs previously driven by both Maclsaac and the driver who discovered his body were at last

headed by Inspector Clowater, the investigation was coordinated by Detectives Copp and MacKnight, members of the Criminal Investigation Division, who also presided over meetings of the investigative team held throughout the course of the day Friday.

With cooperation from the RCMP and the Fredericton Police, the investigation also continued throughout the day in Nova Scotia, Ontario and other areas of New Brunswick. The local investigation included checking out the myriad of tips received and interviewing Charlotte Street residents as well as residents of 633 Windsor Street.

Events took a decisive turn after the 7:00pm meeting of the investigative team, after which police felt they had sufficient cause to bring Jason Barth Young in for questioning.

Young was apprehended at Mexicali Rosa's, a downtown restaurant where he was employed as a prep cook and dishwasher. Investigators, who entered from the front of the restaurant, removed Young via the back door so as not to draw attention to the incident.

At the beginning of questioning, Young requested legal advice and Manu Patel was appointed as defense attorney. Investigators questioned Young through the night, culminating with a pre-dawn visit to the scene of the murder.

According to reports carried by a

Cabbies respond to death of fellow driver



"And they stretched for more than a mile..." - cabs in procession to Maclsaac's memorial service. Inset: Dave Boutillier delivers the eulogy. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTOS

The following statements were made by Fredericton area taxi drivers in the wake of the slaying of Douglas Allan Maclsaac. All drivers wished to remain anonymous.

"It's too early to tell how things are going to go. I know we're all looking over our shoulders. A lot of us will be asking single passengers to sit up front with us tonight. This has scared a lot of us, especially seeing as it came so soon after another driver was whacked over the head by two girls and had his cab stolen."

"I'm not worried, I carry protection."

"I'm not in favour of putting up plexiglass screens - makes it seem like we're driving down the streets of L.A. I think that sends the wrong message out. Really, this is probably just an isolated incident."

"If Frank McKenna is trying to drag us into the 21st century, he's going to have to be ready to deal with the consequences. We're feeling unsafe out here. We need some safety standards; we need some protection."

"I just missed picking up Doug's last fare. If I had been just a little faster arriving at my fare's address on Windsor, then I would have gotten the call. It's scary as hell - any one of us could just as easily have been picked up the fare. And it's not like we haven't had problems in the past. I had one guy reach in from the back seat and try to take my cash one night. I have handcuffs, so I put one on his wrist and the other end on the steering wheel and ran to get the cops. But it scares you, it really does."

Maclsaac was 'decent and kindly' man

Maclsaac was a Nova Scotia native, born in Hazel Hill, Cape Breton. The son of a Canadian Forces family, Maclsaac grew up in Germany and moved to the Fredericton-Oromocto area in 1965 when his father was stationed at CFB Gagetown. A graduate of Oromocto High School, he decided to remain in the area when his parents moved back to Nova Scotia.

Maclsaac has been described by all who knew him as a quiet, decent, kindly individual, whose passions were golfing and harness racing.

Maclsaac's funeral was held this past Wednesday at 2:00pm in the Canso Baptist Church in Cape Breton. A memorial service was held at the same time at the Lower Lincoln Baptist Church, where Mr. Maclsaac was baptized, and was preceded by a

procession of taxis through the downtown core in his memory. Cabs from around the province were in attendance.

Maclsaac is survived by his parents, Stella and Joseph, an aunt Mary Johnson, and cousins Gerald and Willard Johnson. Donations to a memorial fund established for Mr. Maclsaac may be made at the Standard Taxi office in the Industrial Park.

number of local and provincial media outlets. Young was then involved in a re-enactment at the scene.

When asked for comment on whether this meant Young had confessed to the crime, Cane said, "That's all a part of the investigation and will come out as a part of the court case."

At approximately 6:00am, Young was formally charged with first-degree murder in the death Douglas Allen Maclsaac and a morning court appearance was scheduled. Police appear satisfied that Young acted alone, stating they are not searching for additional suspects in the murder.

Provincial Court Judge Patricia Cummings if he understood that he was being charged with first-degree murder in connection with Maclsaac's death. Young, who is from Pugwash, NS, did not make eye contact with anyone in the court, including members of his family who were present.

Young did not enter a plea as defense attorney Patel requested an adjournment in order to familiarize himself with the case. Young will be back in Judge Cummings' court Monday, November 25, at 9:30am, at which time it is expected that Patel will request a formal psychiatric assessment of his client.

Accused was quiet, well-liked

Young is the son of a Baptist minister from Pugwash, NS. He attended Saint John High School in Saint John, NB, and graduated from Pugwash District High School in 1993.

Young spent much of his childhood in Saint John, where he was friends with Peter J. Cullen and Charles Teed, both of whom are now Arts students at UNB.

"I was in the District Jazz Band with Jason. He was a good kid - quiet and well liked. I have no idea when he would have gone through the radical changes which would have been necessary if he was the one who committed the crime," said Teed.

Cullen's memories of Young are similar. A friend of the accused since grade three, Cullen said he cannot fathom how the

quiet boy he knew could have changed so radically.

"If he's responsible, I don't know what could have gone wrong," said Cullen. "It's a long way to go from getting into trouble for making paper airplanes in grade ten math class to being arrested in connection with such a brutal murder."

After graduation from high school, Young received a scholarship to the Royal Military College of Canada at St. Jean in Quebec, which he attended for one year before resigning from the school after one year of study in 1994.

Young has since been employed in the service industry, most recently as a prep cook and dishwasher at Mexicali Rosa's, where he has been described as "an average employee, no better or worse than any other."

Commissioner wants new legislation protecting privacy

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Federal and provincial governments need to introduce new legislation which will protect privacy rights and personal information gathering, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada says.

Speaking at Saint Thomas University, Bruce Phillips called on the general public to push their elected representatives to get new legislation in place as soon as possible.

Phillips pointed out that Quebec is the only province in Canada where privacy is protected in both the public and private sector.

The federal government and the provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia provide privacy protection for citizens who deal with government but not with the private sector.

Similar legislation is currently being considered by a Committee of the New Brunswick Legislature but it would only cover the government sector, not the private sector.

"I do hope they go ahead with

Aquinian: better morale after Chief's departure

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Staff and editors at *The Aquinian* are pitching in to fill the gaps in its Editorial Board.

Wednesday's edition was Tracy Carr's last. Carr was Editor-in-Chief from September until her resignation on November 13. The Editorial Board sought to have her impeached at the Board of Directors' meeting on November 6, but the BOD had decided to allow her to remain as Editor-in-Chief on a probationary period until January.

Managing Editor Adam Jarvis will act as Interim Editor-in-Chief until *The Aquinian's* bi-elections on December 2.

The position of Entertainment Editor has also been vacant since Alex Hachey resigned earlier this month, for reasons not related to Carr's presence.

Former Features Editor J. Scott Forward also resigned, following the Board of Directors' decision not to impeach Carr. He said, however, since his resignation was contingent on Carr's, he will still be working at the paper and may appeal his resignation.

According to Jarvis, Carr has been "very professional" in her dealings

with the paper since the attempted impeachment and her resignation. "Tracy was very good about it. We agreed it would probably be best for her to complete [Wednesday's] issue since she was already Editor-in-Chief for half of it. For the most part, people with bad feelings or grudges kept them to themselves."

"We've been having a blast," Jarvis added. "There's no tension in the office anymore. The staff has a great time working together. We've been getting things done for the next issue, way ahead of time. All of us are working together more because we do have [Tracy] missing."

This sentiment was echoed by Scott MacDonald, one of *The Aquinian's* Layout Editors. "I think the paper is stronger now that everyone's trying harder to get the paper out."

Carr is pleased with this extra effort. "That's pretty much what they needed. It's just too bad that they couldn't do it while I was there."

Carr does not intend to continue to work with *The Aquinian*. "I don't think we're going to be able to work together very well," she said. "There's too much suspicion and hard feelings floating around in there."

"We'll just have to wait and see

whether or not this is all in the best interest of the paper," she added.

MacDonald seems positive that it is. "The paper's been running more smoothly now," he said. "It's better organized. We have direction, stability, and a figure of authority."

"People's opinions of *The Aquinian* are kind of torn but the paper's still coming out and it's coming out very well," MacDonald concluded. "We've stuck with it."

Citizen identity cards could prompt abuse of power and less privacy

GORDON LOANE
THE BRUNSWICKIAN

Canada's Privacy Commissioner is opposed to proposals being considered by some provinces and the federal government that would require each citizen to carry an identity card of some sort.

Bruce Phillips told an audience attending the Dr. Bernie Vigod Memorial Lecture in Human Rights that a number of provinces are considering that very issue right now.

"I also assume you know there are officials in the government of Canada who want to go the same way," he said.

Phillips said he is worried that once again we are creeping up to the idea that soon we are all going to be photographed, fingerprint imaged or that some other bodily sample of some

kind is going to be demanded of us to give us a more reliable, unique, identified system.

"Is the day coming when we will not really be able to live in this country without a national identity card to prove who we say we are?" Phillips asked. "How long would it be before every store, every company, everybody you do business with would demand that card?"

Phillips pointed to the many experiences in this century particularly in Europe as a reason for opposing identity cards.

"We have seen how easily states have abused their power and how readily minor officialdom and bureaucracy can find new ways of playing with citizens by demanding that they continue to prove who they are by producing a card."

"Let's not get to that stage."