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Tim Bousquet
Halifax Examiner, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Tim Bousquet:

I am writing in response to your request to review certain exhibits and evidence associated with the Glen Assoun investigation and trial. Halifax Regional Police do not have authority at this time to grant your request.

As you are likely aware, The Minister of Justice has granted Mr. Assoun a Ministerial Review with regard to his conviction in the homicide of Brenda Way pursuant to section 696.1 of the *Criminal Code*. At the onset of the process the Department of Justice requested that all of the exhibits associated with Mr. Assoun's trial be protected for the purpose of their review. This request was sent to and was acted upon by Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service.

We have made the Department of Justice Canada aware of your request and DOJ has indicated that it would oppose any attempt made by yourself or anyone else who attempts to obtain the exhibits until such time as DOJ's review and any legal proceedings have been completed.

Many of the exhibits now form part of DOJ's Preliminary Assessment Report, which it has drafted in relation to the Ministerial Review. All individuals, including myself, who have been permitted access to the documents, have had to sign an undertaking, whereby we have agreed to keep the information contained in the Preliminary Assessment and its appendices strictly confidential. Members of HRP and our solicitor have undertaken to not reproduce or permit reproduction of any kind of the Preliminary Assessment and its appendices; further we have undertook to not convey the documents or appendices either directly or indirectly to any person.

At Glen Assoun's bail hearing the Preliminary Assessment and its appendices were subject to a publication ban and sealing order. That publication ban and sealing order would apply to any of the exhibits included in the Preliminary Assessment and its appendices.

As you can hopefully now appreciate, Halifax Regional Police do not have the ability or the authority at this time to grant the requests you have made. The Ministerial Review is essentially an on-going investigation and must be treated and respected as such. The matter is bigger than simply Halifax Regional Police, the Department of Justice as well as Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service also have an interest in the information you have requested. The exhibits are protected under the Ministerial Review process and release of said documents would be a breach of that process, our undertaking and a court order, not to mention, release of the requested documents could very likely result in detriment to the Ministerial Review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Moore, O.O.M.
Deputy Chief
Halifax Regional Police