

**CRIME SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY POLICE COMMISSION:  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT**

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- We are currently sitting at 2 homicides for the year, with the latest occurring this past long weekend. Prior to that, we had not had one for 6 weeks, since January 6<sup>th</sup>. Our 5-year average for homicides in January and February is 2.8. The month of March typically sees between 0 and 2 homicides. Our homicide clearance rate for 2017-2021 is currently 75%, with an average of 18 files cleared by our Homicide Unit each year.
- We had 17 shootings in Calgary in January, which is significantly higher than January 2021 (9), and the 5-year average for that month (8). Eleven of these incidents were targeted, but only 6 resulted in injury. The most significant shooting was the targeted homicide of Eric RIENDEAU. In eight incidents, either the offender or victim is being monitored by our Organized Crime and Offender Management Section, with another three incidents involving subjects under consideration for monitoring or management.
- **Calgary Shooting Analysis (CPS): 2021**
  - A year-end analysis of gun crime revealed that while overall shootings were down by 17 incidents in 2021 (from 112 to 95), compared to the previous year, they were up from the 5-year average (87). We did see a drop in organized crime-related shootings compared to previous years, and more than two-thirds of our shootings from last year have been cleared or closed – either by charge, insufficient evidence, or for other reasons. One out of three shootings from last year is still being investigated.
  - Most shootings from last year wherein motivation was known to Police (46 out of 95 incidents), were motivated by either a personal grudge or a drug-based dispute (63%). Targeted shootings accounted for 64% of the total.
  - The slight majority of shootings in Calgary result in either injury or death (50; 53%). About one-third result in property damage (32).
  - The average shooting *victim* in Calgary in 2021 was approximately 33 years of age, either a White (36%) or Black (31%) male, and born in Calgary or their birthplace was not disclosed.
  - The average *offender* in a Calgary shooting incident last year was a male born in Calgary, 30 years of age, and either Black (47%) or White (37%). Like our shooting victims, offenders were predominantly Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- **Alberta Shooting Analysis (CISA): 2021**
  - There were 503 shooting events reported in our province last year, which was down compared to 532 in 2020; About one-third resulted in injury. Almost three-quarters of shooting events were believed to have been targeted, which is slightly higher than Calgary's 64%;
  - Across the province, 546 firearms were stolen in 114 B&Es. Almost half of all stolen firearms in our province were untraceable (220; 40%).
  - In firearm trafficking files, handguns were the most likely to be trafficked, followed by rifles, then shotguns.
  - A total of 78 firearms were registered to 17 identified straw buyers<sup>1</sup>.
- **Other higher-profile Bureau work:**
  - We have had 7 pharmacy robberies, as well as 7 cannabis store robberies thus far in 2022. We ended last year with 89 pharmacies and 29 cannabis stores, so it would appear robberies of cannabis stores may be picking up speed in 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> A "straw buyer" is a person who purchases guns on behalf of someone who cannot; typically because (s)he is not lawfully able to purchase guns and/or have them registered.

- Domestic violence continues to trend down this year, with domestic reporting still heading up. In fact, domestic-related Criminal Code offences are significantly down from the average: 243 in January, compared to an average of 393 for the month. (This trend started in mid-2019). On the other hand, domestic reporting has been increasing quite significantly since July 2021, and exceeded the 5-year average for January.
- Our Sexual Assault Investigative Unit (SAIU) was assigned 30 new files in January, which is slightly below the 5-year average of 35. We completed 7 Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) in January. Comparatively, we completed 101 in all of 2021.