



Taman Inquiry into the investigation and prosecution of Derek Harvey-Zenk

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Subject: Calls for Applications for Standing, Witnesses

The Honourable Roger Salhany, Q.C. has been appointed commissioner of an inquiry into certain issues surrounding the investigation and prosecution of Derek Harvey-Zenk relating to the tragic traffic death of Crystal Taman on February 25, 2005, at the intersection of Hwy 59 and the north Perimeter Highway near Winnipeg. At the time of the accident, Mr. Harvey-Zenk was a police officer with the Winnipeg Police Service.

Commissioner Salhany is to consider the correctness and adequacy of the police investigation, as well as the good faith, objectivity, and professionalism with which the investigation was conducted. The commission will also examine whether the prosecution of Mr. Harvey-Zenk complied with the professional and ethical standards expected of lawyers and agents of the Attorney General of Manitoba. The commission will also inquire into whether the services provided to the family of Crystal Taman satisfied the requirements of *The Victims' Bill of Rights*. The commissioner will be considering whether to make any systemic recommendations arising from the facts of the case.

The commissioner is inviting anyone who believes that they have relevant evidence to give before the inquiry, who may have had contact with Mr. Harvey-Zenk during the evening hours of February 24, 2005 or during the night and early morning hours of February 25, 2005, or who has relevant information about the accident, the police investigation, the prosecution, or the operation and implementation of the Manitoba *Victims' Bill of Rights Act* as it relates to the family of Crystal Taman, to contact the Taman Inquiry's Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Robert Giasson, through the Commission's Office.

Applications for standing are also being invited from any person or group with a substantial and direct interest in the subject-matter of the inquiry or whose participation may be helpful in fulfilling the commission's mandate. Standing before a commission of inquiry gives the person or organization the right to take part in the proceedings and/or make submissions, on terms set by the commissioner.

Written requests for standing, setting out the reasons why standing is being requested and why the applicant should be granted standing, should reach the commission no later than Monday, **January 21, 2008**. The commission's office is located at Room 30 - 200 Vaughan St. Winnipeg, MB R3C 1T5; Phone (204) 945-7544; Fax: (204) 948-2522; Email: tamaninquiry@gov.mb.ca Website: www.tamaninquiry.ca

Should the written requests disclose a reasonable prospect that standing may be granted, applicants will be invited to attend standing hearings. Those hearings will commence at **9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2008** in the Pan Am Room at the Winnipeg Convention Centre and continue, until standing issues are resolved.

Submissions will also be received in relation to draft rules for the inquiry and scheduling will be formalized at this time. No evidence will be heard during these standing hearings. Evidence will be heard in public hearings, provisionally scheduled for June 2, 3 and 9, 10, 11, and on most days between June 30 and August 14, until the commission hearings are concluded. Copies of the draft rules will be available from the commission office or the inquiry website: www.tamaninquiry.ca on or before Monday January 17, 2008.

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