

February 18, 2010

To: Members,
Board of Police Commissioners

Re: Tamra Keepness – Continuation of \$25,000 Reward

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Police Commissioners is continuing to offer a \$25,000 reward, until December 31, 2010, for information that leads to determining the whereabouts of Tamra Keepness.

CONCLUSION

The Regina Police Service believes continuing to offer a reward for information about the whereabouts of Tamra Keepness may elicit needed evidence.

BACKGROUND

Tamra Jewel Keepness was last seen in her home in the 1800 block of Ottawa Street in the evening hours of Monday, July 5, 2004. She was noted missing by family members during the morning hours of Tuesday, July 6, 2004. Since receiving the report of her disappearance at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, the Regina Police Service has conducted a comprehensive search and investigation.

At a special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on July 13, 2004, the Board authorized a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the discovery of the location of Tamra Keepness. The closing date for the reward was originally December 31, 2004.

The Board has previously approved the continuance of the reward in each of the subsequent years of 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

DISCUSSION

The Regina Police Service continues its investigation into the disappearance of Tamra Keepness. However, after following through on the information received, the file has not been solved and Tamra has not been located. The missing person file of Tamra Keepness has now been moved to the Cold Case Unit, where the investigation into the disappearance of Tamra Keepness continues. New information pertaining to this incident could be pivotal in bringing the investigation to a conclusion. In order to encourage people with direct knowledge to come forward, the Board of Police Commissioners has authorized the continuance of the \$25,000 reward to December 31, 2010. The governance of the reward will continue to be held with the Board. The criteria will continue as set out in 2004, with the noted change in expiry date:

The reward of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) is to be awarded to the person, or persons, who in the sole opinion of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Regina, have submitted information to the Regina Police Service, leading directly to the discovery of the whereabouts of Tamra Jewel Keepness.

Person(s) criminally culpable for the disappearance of Tamra Jewel Keepness, member(s) of the family of Tamra Jewel Keepness, and employees of law enforcement or correctional agencies are not eligible to lay claim to the reward or any portion thereof.

In the event that more than one person has submitted information that would entitle them to a share thereof, the reward will be apportioned as deemed just by the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Regina.

This reward expires December 31, 2010.

The Regina Police Service will review the need to continue the reward beyond 2010 and make recommendations to the Board in December 2010.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The Regina Police Service has not specifically set aside \$25,000 in its 2010 budget to cover the expense of a claimed reward. If the reward is claimed, the Regina Police Service will make every effort to manage the expenditure within its 2010 budget.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Strategic Implications

The reward may elicit information critical to identifying those responsible for the disappearance or the locating of Tamra Keepness.

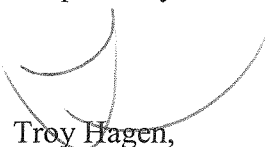
Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

The offer of a \$25,000 reward will remain on the Regina Police Service website.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief of Police