



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Citizen Rewards, January 1 to December 31, 2021
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
Report Date: 2022-04-27

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board receives this report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that the Service is in compliance with Board By-Law 390-2021 - Citizen Rewards.
- Police Services Board By-Law 390-2021 establishes the policy for citizen rewards by the Niagara Regional Police Service.
- The Police Service has issued General Order 245.01 to ensure that established procedures are in place to govern the posting of rewards to further the investigations of serious criminal offences.
- As per By-Law 390-2021, the Chief is to provide the Board with annual status reports on rewards posted.
- A reward was posted during the year ending December 31, 2021. No rewards were claimed or paid out during the reporting period.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendation contained within this report.

Analysis

On June 16, 2021, the Service issued a reward for \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the January 19, 2021 murders of Cristine Crooks and Juliana Pannunzio. On July 8, 2021, with the support of a third party who wished to remain anonymous, the Service increased the reward offering to \$100,000. In accordance with General Order 245.02, Section 3.2, the reward will remain valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The funds provided by the third party remains deposited in the Police Services Board General Operating Account.

As of December 31, 2021, there were no claims registered against this reward.

A number of arrests have been made in relation to these homicides; however, should any person have information or evidence related to this homicide investigation, please contact the Niagara Regional Police Homicide Unit Tip Line at 289-248-1058.

Alternatives Reviewed

The only alternative is for the Board not to receive this report.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This annual report is being issued in compliance with Board By-Law 390-2021.

Relevant Policy Considerations

No other relevant policy considerations.

Other Pertinent Reports

- May 10, 2021, In Camera Report - Agenda Item 8.1
- May 20, 2021, In Camera Report - Agenda Item 5
- July 22, 2021, In Camera Report - Agenda Item 7.1

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Fort Erie Homicide Reward Poster – Female to Identify
Appendix 2 – Christine Crooks and Juliana Pannunzio Reward Poster
Appendix 3 – Christine Crooks and Juliana Pannunzio Increased Reward Poster



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REWARD UP TO \$100,000

Detectives are looking for public assistance to specifically identify the male and female in this photograph who are not wearing a mask.



Should you have any information or evidence related to this homicide investigation, please contact the Niagara Regional Police Service Homicide Unit Tip Line at 289-248-1058.

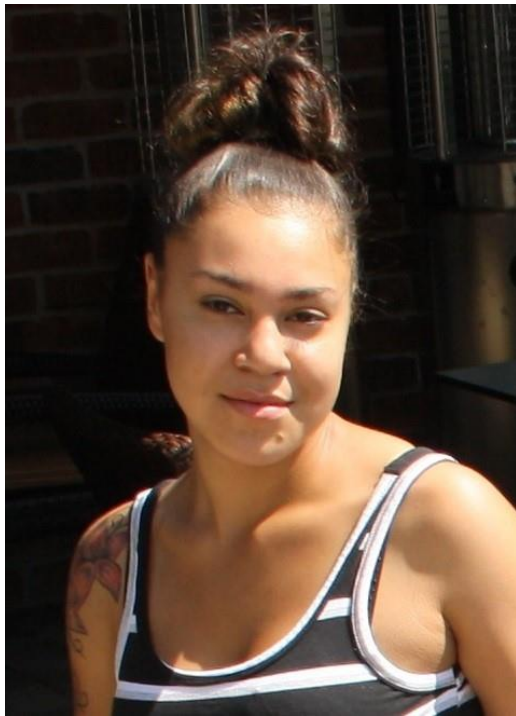
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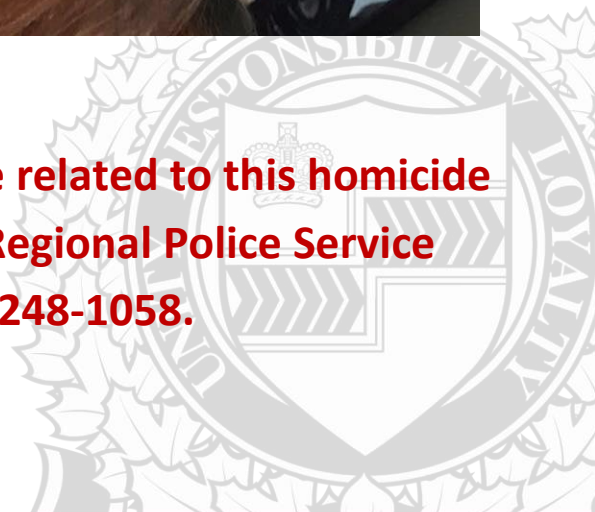
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REWARD UP TO \$100,000

The Niagara Regional Police Service is offering a reward up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders of 18-year-old Christine Crooks and 20-year-old Juliana Pannunzio.



Should you have any information or evidence related to this homicide investigation, please contact the Niagara Regional Police Service Homicide Unit Tip Line at 289-248-1058.



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REWARD INCREASED TO \$100,000

On January 19, 2021 at 4:17am, the Niagara Regional Police Service received a 911 call regarding a disturbance at a residence in Fort Erie involving possible shots being fired. Upon arrival, police discovered the bodies of two deceased females, 20-year-old Juliana Pannunzio of Windsor and 18-year-old Christine Crooks of Toronto inside the residence with obvious signs of trauma.

The investigation has revealed that a group of individuals from outside the Niagara Region, including the two victims, attended a short-term rental accommodation for a planned gathering. Pannunzio and Crooks died at the scene from gunshot wounds and all other parties fled the residence prior to police arrival.

The Niagara Regional Police Service is offering a reward up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Should you have any information or evidence related to this homicide investigation, please contact the Niagara Regional Police Service Homicide Unit Tip Line at 289-248-1058.



The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board has authorized a reward up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) pursuant to By-Law 390-2021 for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for these two murders. Anyone who previously provided information to the Niagara Regional Police Service in relation to this investigation that comes forward with additional information may be eligible for this reward. Employees and relatives of law enforcement and correctional agencies are not eligible to collect this reward. The reward is payable in Canadian funds and shall be apportioned as the Niagara Regional Police Service deems appropriate. Claims will be recognized only when made in writing.