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On June 28th, 2011, Constable Garrett Styles from the York Regional Police Service in Ontario, Canada was killed in the line of duty. Various parts of radiocommunication transmissions between Constable Styles and York Regional Police personnel were divulged in the course of media reporting on the event. York Regional Police Service has advised Industry Canada that permission was not granted from York Regional Police to publically divulge these radiocommunications exchanges.

As the RadioReference.com site appears to provide streaming access of various Canadian police and fire department radiocommunications, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that, under subsection 9(2) of the *Radiocommunication Act*, it is an offence to intercept and make use of, or intercept and divulge any radiocommunication, except as permitted by the originator of the communication or the person intended by the originator of the communication to receive it.

Every person who contravenes subsection 9(2) in Canada is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and liable

(a) in the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both; and

(b) in the case of a person other than an individual, to a fine not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars.

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Persons in Canada wishing to play audio excerpts of radio transmissions or publish transcripts must have the consent of the originator or the person intended by the originator of the communication before they make use or divulge the radiocommunication.

We trust that you will take steps to make this information readily available to your contributors who are Canadian-based.

Sincerely,



John Baggio  
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c.c. York Regional Police, Chief Eric Jolliffe