

## Condensed Timeline with Salient Points

2019:

November 17

- A parent notified school authorities about an allegation involving AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE -- sexual assault Victim #1, that had occurred the week before.
- The complainant notified Family Child Services who then notified the RCMP and confirmed a safety plan was in place for the following day.

November 18

- AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE attended school in the morning and was immediately sent home, never to return to the school.
- Family Child Services, Whitehorse Detachment and Specialized Response Unit engaged in the investigation.

November 19

- RCMP met with school authorities to gather information on Victim #1. RCMP were then told that one year prior, there was a concerning incident observed by the school involving the first victim and AUCLAIR BELLEMARE. This incident was not reported to the police prior to November 19.
- RCMP updated Department of Education – Department of Education advised they would be starting their own investigation. Education asked RCMP if that would be Ok. The RCMP responded Yes.

November 20

- RCMP interviewed AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE that did not produce additional evidence.
- Department of Education advised RCMP the department had a meeting scheduled with AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE for November 21.

November 21

- Department of Education, Yukon Teacher's Association and school authorities met with AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE who admitted to the assault involving Victim #1.
- The RCMP was continuing to take steps in the investigation.

November 22

- SRU arrested AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE who admitted to assaulting the victim. He was released on a Promise to Appear and Undertaking. His conditions included having no contact with persons under 18 and not contact with the victim.

November 25

- RCMP Communications, spoke to Department of Education communications, after Education had asked for advice on messaging that could be provided to the School Principal for a planned meeting with school staff later that afternoon.

November 26

- SRU updated and interviewed school principal on investigation.
- RCMP forwarded a Situation Report to O i/c CROPS, who responded with the following to outgoing O i/c Whitehorse Detachment, incoming O i/c Whitehorse Detachment, Acting Plain Clothes Commander and NCO i/c SRU:
  - a. Have charges been laid?
  - b. Was there an official publication ban issued by the courts (being that first appearance is Dec 18<sup>th</sup>)?
  - c. What are we going to do to determine if we have other potential victims?
  - d. Was Victim Services engaged?
  - e. There should be follow up discussion with Crown, Strat Comms and Investigators on a strategy that could balance public interest with the interest of the young victim in our search for more potential victims.

- O i/c CROPS asked for the above points to be addressed and the Situation Report resubmitted through the Line Officer to reflect the above questions.
- There has been no documentation to date to reflect if this operational direction was ever followed or discussed – although an ongoing review may produce answers to this issue.
- The RCMP also met with a communications analyst for the Dept of Education on this day.

November 27

- SRU interviewed Department of Education official, on his role in the interview of AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE. The intentions of Department of Education and their investigation were not discussed.
- SRU updated Yukon Teacher's Association.

November 29

- The victim's father was updated on the arrest of AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE and his release conditions.

December 2

- AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE was formally charged with Sexual Interference and Sexual Assault.

December 4

- SRU followed up again with Yukon Teacher's Association. The Teacher's Association was assessing through their legal counsel whether they had a legal duty to report, which was confirmed and they advised if they received further information from AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE they would advise the RCMP.

2020

February 12

- AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE plead guilty to Sexual Interference

2021

January 18

- AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE was sentenced to 6 months custody and 2 years probation, and another 5 year probation not to have contact with children.

July 16

- CBC article regarding lawsuit.

July 17

- RCMP receive a report from parent, that the incident the teacher spoke of in November of 2019, actually took place with their child during the 2015/16 school year—not the same victim that was reported to police by the school. At the time of that incident, the parent advised that they met with the school who informed the parent that the incident had been handled internally by the school.
- It was as a result of this new information, police realized other victims were involved and confirmed the identification of a new victim, not the same victim as the first victim. The investigation continued.

September 9

- AUCLAIR-BELLEMARE was arrested, interviewed and charged with multiple offences related to two additional victims, from the time period of 2014 to 2018.
- The RCMP released to the media the name of the accused, the charges he was facing, and the presence of a publication ban.

September 17

- Teacher was re-interviewed and confirmed, in this 2nd interview, that the incident from years prior did not occur with the same initial victim, but was in fact a different child. The incident was handled internally by the school.

