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## New victims of ex-cop come forward

**Crime** Investigators continue search for others who suffered at hands of Kenneth Byron Estabrooks

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SAINT JOHN – Private investigators have identified more than a dozen new victims of a former police sergeant who was already convicted of abusing children while he was on the job.

David Perry, a former Toronto police detective now leading the Saint John investigation, is working with a \$100,000 budget as he and his team continue their search for victims of Kenneth Byron Estabrooks, who died in 2005, and offer them support.

Perry told reporters gathered at city hall on Wednesday that, months after launching the investigation, his work is still in its infancy, though he said he didn't know how much longer his team would stay on the case.

Perry said his job is to give a voice to victims who have suffered in silence for years, whose lives have been devastated by malicious acts at the hands of someone they were supposed to trust, a police officer.

"It is important to history and to healing to investigate this horrific and predatory abuse," he said. "These victims, both men and women, have suffered in silence, carried anger, sadness, grief, shame and guilt without a real or perceived safe place to



David Perry, CEO of Investigative Solutions Network, spoke at a press conference Wednesday to update the public on their investigation into the sexual abuse of children by former Saint John police officer Kenneth Estabrooks. PHOTO: KATE BRAYDON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

come forward, both as children and now as adults."

Estabrooks was convicted in 1999 of sexually assaulting three young boys and a girl over several decades, beginning in the 1950s. Perry said his team had initially suspected the molester preferred boys, but has since learned that

he also preyed on a number of young girls.

Perry said he was not aware if any victims of the former police officer had intended to file lawsuits against the city. He said the focus of the investigation continues to be locating victims and offering them counselling, paid

for by city hall.

"The important message we are trying to convey is, to victims that we have not spoken to yet: You are not alone," said Perry, a well known investigator, who secured a confession from Michael Briere, the man who murdered 10-year-old Holly Jones in Toronto in

2003.

Allegations against Estabrooks first surfaced in 1975 when he was a 22-year veteran of the Saint John Police Force. But the abuser wasn't charged at the time, even though he signed a statement

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## Man charged in connection with fatal home invasion

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SAINT JOHN – Another one of the men allegedly involved in a fatal home invasion that occurred on the west side last Saturday appeared in provincial court on Wednesday.

Brandon Saia, 22, was charged with stealing personal property of Christopher Reid, 21, who lived at the address where the robbery occurred, while armed with an offensive weapon or imitation thereof. He was also charged with forcible entry and wearing a face mask with the intent to commit an indictable offence.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges and elected to be tried in provincial court.

The Crown objected to his release and remanded him under the condition that he have no

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## Christmas Craft sale in at uptown mall

SAINT JOHN – Brunswick Square is hosting the annual Pioneer Christmas Craft Sale from Thursday to Saturday. Vendors from across New Brunswick will be setting up shop on all three levels of Brunswick Square. The show will feature around 80 vendors selling everything from jewelry and fudge to Christmas crafts and knitting. The craft sale runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## YMCA Groups promote culture of peace

SAINT JOHN – The YMCA and Ten Thousand Villages will be partnering on Saturday to raise awareness and funds with the goal of building a culture of peace both locally and globally. All purchases made with a coupon at Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit organization that sells fair-trade products, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. will have a 15-per-cent donation to the Saint John Y's partnership with the YMCA in Honduras. Coupons are available at the Y's Prince Edward Square location, the Ten Thousand Villages store and online at saintjohny.com. The event comes as the YMCA international Peace Week launches, which will run from Nov. 17 to 24.



Second World War veteran Bob Jones is shown with his dog in his home in Hampton. PHOTO: TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

## Veteran reminds youth to enjoy freedom

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HAMPTON – Bob Jones says he was "a little boy of 16" back in January 1940 when he lied about his age and enlisted in the Canadian military.

Sixteen years old and only 142 pounds, Jones grew up on the battlefields of Europe.

These days, when he speaks to young people about his

experiences during the Second World War, he can hardly imagine his audience setting off to war as he had done at their age.

At a Remembrance Day ceremony a few years ago at Hampton High School, Jones asked the students to stand up if they were 16 years old. Then he asked the 17-year-olds to stand up, and 18 and 19.

"This is the age that we were," he told them. And he told them

that they should enjoy the freedom of becoming whatever they want to be and living in a country like Canada.

It's a message the 89-year-old would like all Canadians to remember this Remembrance Day.

"We should remember what our soldiers did and why they did it," he said from his Hampton home.

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## Rothesay mayor decries unequal treatment

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Bill Bishop is bummed out.

The long-serving mayor of the Town of Rothesay is unimpressed with provincial plans to change the big annual grant handed out to municipalities.

His well-to-do suburb east of Saint John, with a growing population and tax base, will likely lose out under what's expected to be a new equalization scheme for the \$66 million in funding available under the unconditional grant. Municipalities that have been losing population and businesses, mostly in the north and rural areas, stand to gain.

"I guess you have to have some sympathy for those communities," Bishop said in a recent interview. "But on the other hand, if the provincial government wants the economy to grow, the southern part of the province is where you want to invest and expect something to happen, whereas up north it appears you're just giving them money to maintain the status quo."

The retired school principal said it reminded him of Cape Breton

in the 1970s and 1980s, when Ottawa and Nova Scotia's provincial government kept pouring money into the fading steel industry until it died for good in 2001.

"They put money in there year after year, and no new industry took place and once the money ran out, they would ask for more."

Bishop's comments were not appreciated by mayors of two hard-hit northern communities.

Jason Carter, the mayor of Charlo, a village about 30 kilometres east of Campbellton, says if the provincial government goes ahead with a new equalization funding formula for municipalities, it will benefit all of New Brunswick.

"New Brunswick is only going to advance and overcome its financial difficulties and debt if the whole province starts to grow," said the mayor, 37, who was elected for the first time in May.

"If we just keep funneling money into the places that are already doing well, will this help the entire economy? I doubt it, so let's try something different."

Carter has had to reinvent his life after the AbitibiBowater pulp

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## Victims can seek counselling by contacting confidential toll-free phone number

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confessing to having sexual relations with two young boys.

Instead, he resigned from the force and was quietly transferred to the city’s public works department. And he continued abusing children.

It was only much later, in the late 1990s when allegations surfaced again, that Estabrooks was finally brought to justice. He was sentenced to six years in prison.

City hall hired Perry earlier this year after local officials received a fresh complaint that Estabrooks had abused another victim who previously had not

come forward. Since then, Perry has identified more than a dozen others, though he declined to offer an exact number.

Some victims are at home with their families, others are living in hostels. Some are in mental health facilities or in prison, while others have committed suicide or passed away, according to Perry and his team.

City manager Patrick Woods said there is currently no limit on how much money the city will spend offering counselling services to victims. “As long as they are participating and benefiting from it, the intent is to allow that to continue,” Woods told reporters.

Most of the molester’s surviving victims are in the Saint John area, with several living in the south end, though there are reports that others have since moved to other parts of the country, including British Columbia, Perry said.

“He preyed upon vulnerable children,” Perry said of Estabrooks. “He went into neighbourhoods where there was a population of vulnerable children that he could prey upon, which makes him in many ways far more sadistic and purposeful.”

Asked whether Saint John police failed to adequately investigate Estabrooks in the 1970s and 1990s, given how many more victims have

now come forward, Perry said he is not reviewing those earlier investigations, but is seeking out victims.

Perry speculated that perhaps victims at the time of those earlier investigations had still feared and mistrusted police and declined to come forward to tell their stories.

He said this is why the city was wise to hire his Ontario firm, Investigative Solutions Network, which has no ties to the Saint John Police Force or its disgraced former officer.

“Victims are repeatedly saying that it was abuse on so many levels, that what they held sacred and respected was also completely violated in the abuse

because of his position as a police officer,” said Laura Bradbury, who is working with Perry on the case.

Perry cautioned that his team has also learned that victims, who are now adults, have some good things to say about the Saint John Police Force and certain officers.

“Even though some of them have led lives that were criminal in nature as a result of what happened to them, they still have some respect for policing, police officers and for individual police officers.”

Victims of Estabrooks can seek counselling by calling a toll-free, confidential hotline at 866-790-4764.



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## Estabrooks used threats, intimidation: investigator

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SAINT JOHN — Kenneth Byron Estabrooks used threats and intimidation to coerce his victims into having sexual relations with him, abusing his power as a police officer to satisfy his devious appetites, private investigators say.

This glimpse into Estabrooks’ behaviour shines a new light on the disgraced police officer who died in 2005, six years after he was found guilty of abusing three young boys and a girl over several decades.

Testimony and other statements from victims during Estabrooks’ trial and sentencing indicated he earned their trust as a friendly, generous officer. He took them for rides in his car and gave them things, such as money, as he sexually abused them, court documents show.

Laura Bradbury, who is part of a team seeking more of Estabrooks’ victims, said these gestures that appeared affectionate, though were simply a ruse, were largely out of step with his routine behaviour, which she said was much more malicious.

“That was the anomaly, maybe with the younger population where threats

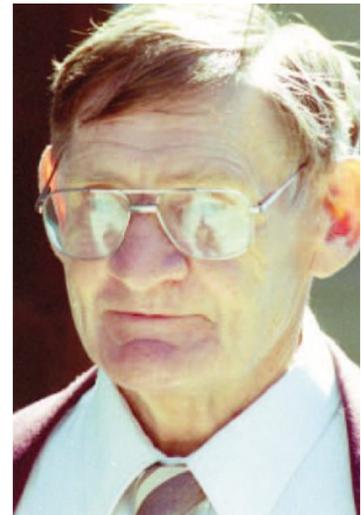
and intimidation wouldn’t have been as effective,” Bradbury, of the Ontario-based Investigative Solutions Network, said in an interview Wednesday.

“From what we’re seeing, he certainly didn’t care about establishing a rapport with his victims where some pedophiles really build up a relationship with their victims. In this case, it was more about purchasing silence and maintaining access.”

City hall hired Investigative Solutions Network in February after local officials received a complaint that Estabrooks had assaulted a victim who had previously not reported the abuse. The team is linking former victims with counselling to help these people, who are now adults, cope with their past.

David Perry, who is leading the investigation, said he and his team had identified more than a dozen new victims of the former cop. He said the investigation was still in its early stages and he didn’t know exactly how much longer it would last.

Perry, a veteran investigator, said Estabrooks attacked children when he was off and on duty as a Saint John police sergeant, wielding his power as an officer “to his own advantage, for his own deviant purposes,” Perry said in an interview.



Kenneth Byron Estabrooks on Aug. 31, 1999. PHOTO: TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL ARCHIVES/COURTESY N.B. MUSEUM

“Pedophiles all have their own technique of getting their victims; this guy didn’t do it by luring,” he said. “He did it by an extreme abuse of authority which he held as a police officer. That was his power base: threats and intimidation.”