



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: 2015 February 04

SUBJECT: Renew Reward Set to Expire in February 2015

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC) approves the following recommendation:

- ◆ Renew reward set to expire in February 2015

INTRODUCTION:

This report will provide information and present recommendations for action by the EPC in regards to:

- a) A monetary reward being requested for a three year term in the matter of an investigation involving extortion and arsons in and around the City of Edmonton during 2007. This request is for an extension of the reward, originally approved in 2009, in a series of crimes that terrorized numerous families and justice officials.

BACKGROUND:

This investigation began in January, 2007 and five people were identified as being responsible for a series of arsons and extortions. The person who was found to be responsible for planning the conspiracy, Jonathan David Meer, was sentenced last year to a term in federal prison of fifteen (15) years. Three other members of the conspiracy also received federal sentences. The fifth accused, Christopher David Meer, who according to trial testimony was directly responsible for setting all three of the fires, fled Canada before he could be arrested and may be in the United States or Mexico. The property damage caused by these people was estimated at over \$2,000,000.00.

The United States Marshalls Service, as well as other agencies (including the producers of the U.S. television show "America's Most Wanted") still remains in contact with the investigators. However; Christopher David Meer has yet to be located. *There is* every reason to suggest Christopher David Meer will not return to face these charges

