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BRIEFING NOTE TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

NOTE D'INFORMATION AU SOUS-COMMISSAIRE

Subject **END PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES (EPIC) ANARCHIST GROUP ACTIVITIES**
Objet

Issue:

To inform you of the self reported planned activities of the EPIC Anarchist Group scheduled to occur on August 9th and 10th, 2012 at Collins Bay and Frontenac Institutions and potentially Millahven and Bath Institutions.

Background:

End the Prison Industrial Complex (EPIC) is a Kingston-based group that self-identifies as prison abolitionists. They declare work for the past two years in organizing resistance to prison expansions. EPIC views incarceration as a form of enslavement of disadvantaged persons by the state. The group concentrates on the Bill C-10 and construction of prison expansion at several Ontario CSC institutions. Members of EPIC also focus on identifying companies that have been awarded contracts for prison expansions. On the EPIC website, names of companies, senior company employees and geographic locations of prison construction sites are posted. The group refers to these companies and persons as "prison profiteers". The EPIC group has engaged in protests at a local Kingston architectural firm, NORR Ltd that has been awarded design contracts for prison expansions. The protest was posted on the Internet on the anarchist news website¹. NORR has also been the victim of repeated acts of vandalism at their Kingston Office².

On Tuesday, May 1st, 2012 at approximately 2030 hours at Collins Bay institution, 13 unidentified persons initiated a protest on federal institutional property. The protest members were dressed in black clothing with some wearing balaclavas, carrying knapsacks and megaphones. These protestors entered onto institutional property; blocked the institutional perimeter access road, began chanting (i.e. "burn the prisons to the ground") using megaphones and setting fireworks off over the wall of the institution during inmate evening outdoor recreational activities. Police were contacted and upon their arrival, the protestors dispersed. Police subsequently arrested four protestors

On July 5, 2012 EPIC posted a letter on their website. The letter specifically targeted construction workers employed on projects at Collins Bay and Frontenac Institutions; urging them to refuse to work on August 10, 2012, Prisoners Justice Day, in solidarity with the inmates. The letter further urges the construction workers to join their group on the protest lines.

On July 10, 2012 at approximately 1135 hours at Collins Bay Institution, a black SUV was observed on the reserve parked near the Sally Port; the driver of the vehicle was taking photos of construction scaffolding erected for construction work on the wall of the institution. The driver was intercepted by a CSC employee;

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This information was shared with

the Police.

On July 16, 2012, the A/Director Operations met with OPP Joint Forces Penitentiary Squad Officer to provide a briefing on all EPIC information available to date. Information related to the operational routine and contingency plans for the impacted sites related to the day in question was requested and shared with the OPP Joint Forces Penitentiary Squad.

Current Status:

The EPIC website has been reviewed daily since the posting of July 5th as noted above. This review has revealed EPIC's plans to demonstrate at Collins Bay and Frontenac Institutions on August 10, 2012. It has also alluded to, although only on one occasion, that Millhaven and Bath Institutions will also be subject to a demonstration on the same date. The website also reveals a planned vigil on the evening of August 9, 2012 at Collins Bay and Frontenac Institutions to mark the anniversary of the removal of the livestock in the closure of the farm.

On August 3, 2012 3 protesters attended Collins Bay Institution and handed out pamphlets to incoming staff. This was a peaceful event and created no disruption to the institutional routine. The pamphlet contained information for staff and construction workers related to their planned events for August 10, 2012.

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On August 7, 2012 EPIC posted the following schedule for planned events on August 9th and 10th, 2012:

Thursday, August 9th

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Welcome Dinner and Social, AKA, 75 Queen St. Unit 1.

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5-9pm Free dinner (ongoing as folks arrive) & hang out

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7-8pm Justice for Levi Presentation: <http://justiceforlevi.org/>

*Alternatively: The Save Our Prison Farms campaign is organizing a vigil at Collins Bay from **7-8pm** to commemorate the second anniversary of the prison farms blockade*

Friday, August 10th

5am sharp Free coffee & snacks @ The Sleepless Goat, 91 Princess St.

5:30am Rides leave from the Goat

5:45am Meet up and gather near Collins Bay Penitentiary (location TBA)

6:00am March on Collins Bay and take over the entrance!

1:00pm Free Lunch at City Park provided by Food Not Bombs

8pm/dusk Noise demonstration (location TBA)