

GUT INSTINCT by Victor Malarek: SUMMARY OF KEY ALLEGATIONS IN CHAPTER ENTITLED "SEEDS OF DECEPTION"

- Former PCC investigator Paul McEwen has revealed *for the first time* his view that Mr. Olivier was entrapped, that the operation was bungled, and that his report was dramatically altered. He claims that he quit the PCC because his report was rewritten.
- The premise of the operation was that Olivier was a major Canadian heroin dealer, but he was in reality a "drifter and small-time junkie" without a criminal record.
- The RCMP relied exclusively on the civilian police agent's (Glen Barry) information that Olivier was a major heroin importer and were misled by him. The book focuses heavily on the role of Barry who, according to Malarek, lied, threatened people, pushed people into dealing drugs, was found by a Canadian court to have entrapped at least one man, and was allowed to operate with little supervision.
- The RCMP paid for Olivier's airfare to Thailand, his accommodations and spending money, which would not be necessary if he were a bona fide heroin importer.
- In 1989, the RCMP told Malarek they were "acting in an assistance capacity" under the direction of the Thai police, but later told the PCC investigators otherwise. The Thai police also told Malarek that the RCMP requested to carry out an investigation in Thailand on Olivier and that they agreed to help.
- The 1989 RCMP press release about Operation Deception was uncharacteristically low key and greatly exaggerated the street value of the seized heroin to be \$15 million.
- Because the seizure was relatively small, it did nothing to affect the drug trade between Thailand and Canada, nor did it bust any major drug rings. A Thai police Captain who wished to remain anonymous confirmed that the operation was unimportant to the Thais, it was not needed and it accomplished nothing.
- The Executive Director of the PCC who co-investigated the case was in conflict of interest because he was a former Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP.