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Tru No. 498054

Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

Between:

Nicholas Conrad Beaton, Carole Fisher and Ryan David Farrington

Representative Plaintiffs

and

The Estate of Gabriel Wortman, deceased, Represented by the Public Trustee (a corporation as constituted by the *Public Trustee Act*, RSNS 1989, c 379) and Berkshire Broman Corporation, a body corporate and Atlantic Denture Clinic Inc., a body corporate and Northumberland Investments Inc., a body corporate and Lisa Diane Banfield and James Blair Banfield and Brian Brewster

Defendants

Notice of Action: Further Amended February 5, 2021

Proceeding pursuant to the *Class Proceeding Act*, SNS 2007, c 28



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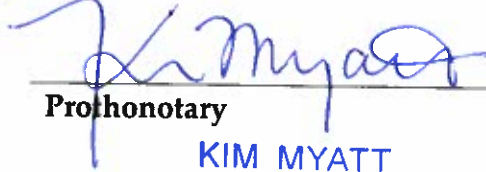
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22. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman left the Portapique area at some point during the overnight of April 18-19, 2020.
23. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Wentworth, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and killed three people and burned at least one residential building containing two dogs.
24. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled from Wentworth Station in the direction of Debert, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and killed three more people while on the road. During this timeframe, Wortman also stopped at a home in Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, where he also unsuccessfully attempted to gain access.
25. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Shubenacadie, Hants County, Nova Scotia and killed three more people, including Constable Heidi

Stevenson, burned two motor vehicles, stole two motor vehicles and shot and injured a dog.

26. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Enfield, on the border of Hants County and Halifax County, Nova Scotia where Wortman was shot and killed by the RCMP.
27. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that at approximately 10:17 a.m. on April 19, 2020, the RCMP issued a further notice on Twitter stating that Wortman was impersonating an RCMP officer, was dressed in an RCMP uniform and driving a replica RCMP cruiser.
28. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that at no time did the RCMP, or anybody else on its behalf or independently, issue an alert via Alert Ready, an emergency alert system available to Nova Scotia to distribute public safety messages province-wide.

The Representative Plaintiffs

The Plaintiff Beaton

29. The Plaintiff Beaton is the widower of Kristen Nicole Beaton ("Kristen"). He is a member of Subclass A.
- 29A. Wortman impersonated an RCMP officer to approach Kristen on the road as she traveled to work as a VON nurse. Wortman shot and killed Kristen. She was pregnant at the time of her death with their second child. Their other child is a son who was three years old at the time of Kristen's death.
- 29B. The Plaintiff Beaton will be seeking and presumes that he will be granted the status of Personal Representative of the Estate of Kristen Nicole Beaton.
- 29C. The Plaintiff Beaton is employed as a public works manager. He is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass A, and, along with the Plaintiffs Fisher and Farrington, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of the common issues.

The Plaintiff Fisher

30. The Plaintiff Fisher is an individual who suffered personal injuries as a result of an attempted attack upon her by Wortman. During the spree, on or around 9:49 a.m. on April 19, 2020, Wortman approached the Plaintiff Fisher's home in Glenholme, where he attempted unsuccessfully to gain access.
- 30A. The Plaintiff Fisher is a member of Subclass B.

- 30B. The Plaintiff Fisher is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass B and, along with the Plaintiffs Beaton and Farrington, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of common issues.

The Plaintiff Farrington

31. The Plaintiff Farrington is an individual who is a surviving adult child of Dawn Gulenchyn and step-child of Frank Gulenchyn who were killed by Wortman in Portapique. He is a member of Subclass C.
- 31A. Wortman killed the Gulenchyns at their home at 71 Orchard Beach Drive, in Portapique, in the late hours of April 18, 2020. Wortman burned then burned their house. The house was a total loss.
- 31B. Plaintiff Farrington is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass C, and, along with the Plaintiffs Beaton and Fisher, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of the common issues.

Causes of Action and Legislation

32. The Representative Plaintiffs repeat the forgoing and plead that the Estate is liable to all of the class members for the wrongful actions of Wortman and plead and rely upon the torts of assault, battery, trespass and conversion of chattels.
33. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Berkshire owned the replica RCMP police cruisers used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs further plead that Berkshire was negligent in allowing Wortman to use the replica RCMP police cruisers for actions taken outside of the company's business operations.
34. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants Atlantic Dentures and Northumberland facilitated the acquisition of the accelerants used by Wortman in burning the houses and cars during the crime spree; and they housed, maintained and assisted Wortman in equipping the replica RCMP police cruisers used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs further plead that Atlantic Dentures and Northumberland were negligent by assisting Wortman to equip himself to carry out the crime spree.
35. In the alternative, the Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland Investments Inc. and Atlantic Dentures Inc. were alter egos on

Wortman and therefore their actions related to the crime spree were, in reality, the actions of Wortman.

36. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Banfield was aware of and facilitated Wortman's preparations, including but not limited to, his accumulation of firearms, ammunition, other weapons, gasoline, police paraphernalia, and the outfitting of a replica Royal Canadian Mounted Police Vehicle. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Defendant Banfield was negligent in her facilitation of Wortman's actions.
37. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Banfield directly acquired some of the accelerants and ammunition used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant was negligent in her acquisition of these items and that she knew or ought to have known that Wortman had tortious intentions.
38. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants JB Banfield and Brewster directly acquired some of the ammunition used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants JB Banfield and Brewster were negligent in their acquisition of these items and that they knew or ought to have known that Wortman had tortious intentions.
39. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that each of the Defendants are jointly and severally liable to the Class Members for the damages that they sustained during the crime spree.
40. The Representative Plaintiffs plead and rely upon the following statutes and the regulations made thereunder: the *Fatal Injuries Act, supra*; the *Survival of Actions Act*, RSNS 1989, c 453; the *Estate Actions Act*, RSNS 1989, c 152; the *Tortfeasors Act*, RSNS 1989, c 471; and, the *Negligence Act*, RSNS 1989, c 95.

Relief Sought

41. The Representative Plaintiffs claim:
 - (a) Interim and interlocutory relief to preserve the assets of the Estate, including the assets of the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland and Atlantic Dentures, until the issue of damages is resolved;
 - (b) The certification of this proposed class proceeding for the common issues pursuant to the *Class Proceedings Act, supra*;
 - (c) An order for the equitable division of the assets of the Defendant Estate including the assets of the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland and

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20. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that prior to ~~Lisa Banfield~~ the Defendant Banfield informing the RCMP that Wortman was impersonating an RCMP officer (at approximately 6:30 a.m. on April 19, 2020), Wortman killed 13 victims; physically and/or psychologically injured at least five more; burned at least three residential buildings and damaged at least three motor vehicles.
21. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that at approximately 8:02 a.m. on April 19, 2020, the RCMP issued a further notice on Twitter stating that there is an “active shooter” in Portapique and asked residents to “stay inside”.
22. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman left the Portapique area at some point during the overnight of April 18-19, 2020.
23. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Wentworth, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and killed three people and burned at least one residential building containing two dogs.
24. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled from Wentworth Station in the direction of Debert, Colchester County, Nova Scotia and killed three more people while on the road. During this timeframe, Wortman also stopped at a home in Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, where he also unsuccessfully attempted to gain access.
25. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Shubenacadie, Hants County, Nova Scotia and killed three more people, including Constable Heidi

Stevenson, burned two motor vehicles, stole two motor vehicles and shot and injured a dog.

26. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Wortman next traveled to Enfield, on the border of Hants County and Halifax County, Nova Scotia where Wortman was shot and killed by the RCMP.
27. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that at approximately 10:17 a.m. on April 19, 2020, the RCMP issued a further notice on Twitter stating that Wortman was impersonating an RCMP officer, was dressed in an RCMP uniform and driving a replica RCMP cruiser.
28. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that at no time did the RCMP, or anybody else on its behalf or independently, issue an alert via Alert Ready, an emergency alert system available to Nova Scotia to distribute public safety messages province-wide.

The Representative Plaintiffs

The Plaintiff Beaton

29. The Plaintiff Beaton is the widower of Kristen Nicole Beaton ("Kristen"). He is a member of Subclass A.
- 29A. Wortman impersonated an RCMP officer to ~~stop~~ approach Kristen on the road as she traveled to work as a VON nurse. Wortman shot and killed Kristen. She was pregnant at the time of her death with their second child. Their other child is a son who was three years old at the time of Kristen's death.
- 29B. The Plaintiff Beaton will be seeking and presumes that he will be granted the status of Personal Representative of the Estate of Kristen Nicole Beaton.
- 29C. The Plaintiff Beaton is employed ~~with the Town of Truro~~ as a public works manager. He is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass A, and, along with the Plaintiffs Fisher and Farrington, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of the common issues.

The Plaintiff Fisher

30. The Plaintiff Fisher is an individual who suffered personal injuries as a result of an attempted attack upon her by Wortman. During the spree, on or around 9:49 a.m. on April 19, 2020, Wortman approached the Plaintiff Fisher's home in Glenholme, where he attempted unsuccessfully to gain access.
- 30A. The Plaintiff Fisher is a member of Subclass B.

- 30B. The Plaintiff Fisher is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass B and, along with the Plaintiffs Beaton and Farrington, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of common issues.

The Plaintiff Farrington

31. The Plaintiff Farrington is an individual who is a surviving adult child of Dawn Gulenchyn and step-child of Frank Gulenchyn who were killed by Wortman in Portapique. He is a member of Subclass C.
- 31A. Wortman killed the Gulenchyns at their home at 71 Orchard Beach Drive, in Portapique, in the late hours of April 18, 2020. Wortman burned then burned their house. The house was a total loss.
- 31B. Plaintiff Farrington is willing to specifically represent the members of Subclass C, and, along with the Plaintiffs Beaton and Fisher, to represent all of the Class Members should this action be certified, to provide instructions to legal counsel, to attend discovery examinations, attend and testify at motions and trial of the common issues.

Causes of Action and Legislation

32. The Representative Plaintiffs repeat the forgoing and plead that the Estate is liable to all of the class members for the wrongful actions of Wortman and plead and rely upon the torts of assault, battery, trespass and conversion of chattels.
33. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Berkshire owned the replica RCMP police cruisers used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs further plead that Berkshire was negligent in allowing Wortman to use the replica RCMP police cruisers for actions taken outside of the company's business operations.
34. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants Atlantic Dentures and Northumberland facilitated the acquisition of the accelerants used by Wortman in burning the houses and cars during the crime spree; and they housed, maintained and assisted Wortman in equipping the replica RCMP police cruisers used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs further plead that Atlantic Dentures and Northumberland were negligent by assisting Wortman to equip himself to carry out the crime spree.
35. In the alternative, the Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland Investments Inc. and Atlantic Dentures Inc. were alter egos on

Wortman and therefore their actions related to the crime spree were, in reality, the actions of Wortman.

36. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Banfield was aware of and facilitated Wortman's preparations, including but not limited to, his accumulation of firearms, ammunition, other weapons, gasoline, police paraphernalia, and the outfitting of a replica Royal Canadian Mounted Police Vehicle. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that Defendant Banfield was negligent in her facilitation of Wortman's actions.
37. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Banfield directly acquired some of the accelerants and ammunition used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant was negligent in her acquisition of these items and that she knew or ought to have known that Wortman had tortious intentions.
38. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants JB Banfield and Brewster directly acquired some of the ammunition used by Wortman in the crime spree. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that the Defendants JB Banfield and Brewster were negligent in their acquisition of these items and that they knew or ought to have known that Wortman had tortious intentions.
39. The Representative Plaintiffs plead that each of the Defendants are jointly and severally liable to the Class Members for the damages that they sustained during the crime spree.
40. The Representative Plaintiffs plead and rely upon the following statutes and the regulations made thereunder: the *Fatal Injuries Act, supra*; the *Survival of Actions Act*, RSNS 1989, c 453; the *Estate Actions Act*, RSNS 1989, c 152; the *Tortfeasors Act*, RSNS 1989, c 471; and, the *Negligence Act*, RSNS 1989, c 95.

Relief Sought

41. The Representative Plaintiffs claim:
- (a) Interim and interlocutory relief to preserve the assets of the Estate, including the assets of the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland and Atlantic Dentures, until the issue of damages is resolved;
 - (b) The certification of this proposed class proceeding for the common issues pursuant to the *Class Proceedings Act, supra*;
 - (c) An order for the equitable division of the assets of the Defendant Estate including the assets of the Defendants Berkshire, Northumberland and

Atlantic Dentures, on a *pro rata* basis amongst the class members once the individual issues are determined;

- (d) A process whereby the Case Management Judge determines the Special and General Damages of the individual plaintiffs pursuant to the *Fatal Injuries Act, supra*, for the statutory beneficiaries comprising subclass A;
- (e) A process whereby the Case Management Judge determines the Special and General Damages of the individual plaintiffs' Special and General Damages for the members of subclass B for the injuries and damages suffered personally by those subclass members and for injuries and damages to their property;
- (f) A process whereby the Case Management Judge determines the Special and General Damages of the individual plaintiffs' Special and General Damages for the members of subclass C for the injuries and damages suffered to their property;
- (g) As against the Defendant Banfield, the Defendant Brewster and the Defendant JB Banfield:
 - i. General Non-Pecuniary Damages payable to each of the individual plaintiffs of subclasses A, B, and C;
 - ii. Pecuniary Damages payable to each of the individual plaintiffs of subclasses A, B and C; and
 - iii. Special Damages payable to each of the individual plaintiffs of subclasses A, B and C;
- (h) As against the Defendant Estate, the Defendant Banfield, the Defendant Brewster and the Defendant JB Banfield, Pre-judgment interest;
- (i) As against the Defendant Estate, the Defendant Banfield, the Defendant Brewster and the Defendant JB Banfield, Costs; and,
- (j) Such further and other damages or awards as this Honourable Court sees fit to grant as against any or all of the Defendants.

Signature

Signed May 5, 2020.

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