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OPP commissioner Julian Fantino and native activist Shawn Brant Wiretap Transcripts

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Newly released wiretap documents suggest the OPP was minutes away from moving in on First Nations blockades on Highway 401 during the aboriginal day of action.



The phone conversations -- recorded without a court order -- indicate commissioner Fantino told Brant he would do "everything I can within your community and everywhere else to destroy your reputation."

More Facts:

Commissioner Fantino told the court he didn't know who ordered the wiretaps, but he was aware of them.

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The commissioner also told Brant over the phone that "your world's going to come crashing down" and that he would suffer "grave consequences" if the blockade didn't end.

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The heated exchanges between Brant and commissioner Fantino seem to contradict the force's own guidelines for dealing with aboriginal groups, which were recommended following George's shooting.

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The framework for police preparedness for aboriginal critical incidents recommends that local First Nations police play a lead role in incidents. In this instance, commissioner Fantino travelled to Napanee, Ont., on the day of the protest and took over negotiations from the aboriginal officers Brant had been dealing with.

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In court transcripts, Shawn Brant's lawyer, Peter Rosenthal asked commissioner Fantino if the recommendations of the Ipperwash Inquiry dictate that in situations like the aboriginal day of action if "for the public good, as well as for the respect of the protesters involved, it's important to understand where they're coming from and deal with their cultural values and so on?" Commissioner Fantino responded saying "there's nothing in the spirit, the intent or the written word in this document that justifies criminal conduct or that exonerates people from accountability from criminal conduct."

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Peter Rosenthal also revealed Saturday that an undercover OPP officer had gone to the scene of the blockade on the aboriginal day of action acting as a member of the media to get a closer look at the blockade and the protesters. He asked the officer in court if there were any concerns his actions might hinder the freedom of the press. The officer responded there were not.


PDF Transcripts from Electronic Interception Support TSS:

[Transcript - OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino's August 29, 2007 testimony.pdf](#)

[Transcript - phone conversation between Shawn Brant and Julian Fantino, June 29, 2007 - Part 1.pdf](#)

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