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MPP wants inquiry into Project Truth

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CORNWALL — Ottawa-Rideau MPP Garry Guzzo confirmed Wednesday he has asked Premier Mike Harris to launch a judicial inquiry into Project Truth.

An Ottawa newspaper reported Guzzo has written twice to the Premier asking him to intervene in the OPP probe into cases of alleged sexual abuse in the Cornwall area.

In a press release received by the *Standard-Freeholder* late Wednesday from Guzzo's Ottawa office, the MPP confirms at least one letter was written to Harris last fall.

But he did not intend for it to become public knowledge. "I am disturbed that this confidential correspondence has become public at this time; however, I am even more troubled by the events alleged to have taken place.

"I will continue to co-operate with the authorities to ensure that all aspects of this investigation are reviewed."

Guzzo, on vacation in Florida, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

But he said in the Tuesday interview he's disturbed by reports many potential witnesses have yet to be interviewed by Project Truth investigators, including the authors of a number of statements given to the offices of the Attorney General and Solicitor General.

To date, Project Truth has resulted in charges against a dozen men, but Guzzo believes the investigation has merely scratched the surface.