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Dunlop quits city police

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The man many consider to be the catalyst of the Project Truth investigation has left the Cornwall Police Service.

Const. Perry Dunlop has resigned from the department, but has yet to speak publicly regarding the move.

When contacted at home regarding his resignation, Dunlop would not comment.

A subsequent interview was set and then cancelled by the Dunlop family because of scheduling conflicts.

The Cornwall Police Service issued a short statement Sunday confirming Dunlop's resignation.

"This was a decision made on Const. Dunlop's part and not one arising out of any actions of the Cornwall Police Service," read the statement.

"Up until (Thursday) Const. Dunlop has been performing his regular police duties without incident."

The police service isn't commenting much more than the statement. There's been no word on how police

brass are reacting.

"Const. Dunlop is governed by a collective agreement as a member of the Cornwall Police Association.

As such, no further comment will be provided as this is now a potential labour issue under that agreement," said the police statement.

Dunlop may be looking for a fresh start in a new locale.

His three-bedroom Amelia Street home is to be auctioned off by brother-in-law Carson Chisholm on July 15. Dunlop was a 16-year veteran of the city force and in 1993 learned of a Cornwall police investigation into a complaint about sexual abuse involving a priest.

At the time the investigation was being dropped because the church had agreed to pay off the victim to the tune of \$32,000 provided silence was kept and charges weren't sought.

Contrary to the rules, Dunlop passed on information regarding the case to the Cornwall Children's Aid Society office.

The priest involved was Father Charlie MacDonald, the same priest who officiated at the marriage of Helen and Perry Dunlop and baptized their first child.