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Ipperwash Inquiry and Osgoode Hall Law School Sponsor Symposium on Relations Between Police and Government

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TORONTO, June 7 /CNW/ - The Ipperwash Inquiry and Osgoode Hall Law School will hold a one-day academic research symposium dealing with relationship between the police and government.

The symposium will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at the Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas Street West, 26th Floor, Toronto, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Inquiry and Osgoode Hall Law School will also host a dinner on the evening of Monday, June 28, 2004. Mr. Justice Peter Cory will open the conference with a speech at the dinner titled "Reflections on Recent Experience with Public Inquiries."

The dinner will be held at the Delta Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

The symposium on the 28th will address the following issues:

- Core Principles of the Government/Police Relationship;
- The Legal Sites of Government-Police Relations;
- The History and the Future of the Politics of Policing;
- An International and Comparative Perspective;
- Government-Police Relations in an Aboriginal Context;
- The Oversight of Government-Police Relations in Canada: The Constitution, the Courts, Administrative Processes and

Democratic

Governance.

Prior to the symposium, the Inquiry and Osgoode will commission six academic research papers to be distributed and/or presented at the symposium.

The researchers selected to author and present the commissioned papers represent a diverse mix of scholars who are leading experts in relevant areas of concern to the Inquiry, including:

- Professor Kent Roach, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.
- Professor Dianne Martin, Osgoode Hall Law School, York

University.

- Professor Margaret Beare, Department of Sociology and Osgoode Hall Law School, York University.

- Professor Philip Stenning, Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

- Professor Gordon Christie, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University.

- Professor Lorne Sossin, Faculties of Law and Political Science, University of Toronto.

The writers have been instructed to avoid discussing or speculating on

the facts surrounding the death of Dudley George or the role of the police or government in the Ipperwash matter. These issues will be dealt with in the evidentiary hearings in Part One of the Inquiry.

The commissioned papers, any commissioned commentaries, and a summary of the discussion at the symposium will be published on the Inquiry's website: www.ipperwashinquiry.ca. Additional information about the Inquiry and the symposium is also available on the Inquiry website.

The media are invited to attend the symposium. However, space is limited and those wishing to cover the event or to receive materials from the event should contact Peter Rehak, the Inquiry's Media Relations Officer at 416-212-6876.

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