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BAD NEWS NUMBERS

41,000 individuals ordered deported by Canada's border-protection agency **are missing**

9 dangerous offenders from Ferndale are moved to more secure prisons. But **one remains at large**

2 hour limit on video **erases evidence** of attack on woman from TransLink security camera

Tracking of deportees inadequate, report says

BY ANDREW MAYEDA

OTTAWA — The Harper government hopes to implement tighter "exit controls" on deportees, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day said Tuesday after the auditor-general revealed that Canada's border-protection agency has lost track of about 41,000 individuals ordered to leave the country. Auditor-General Sheila Fraser found that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) does not have an adequate system for tracking such individuals. Moreover, CBSA officers don't investigate the vast majority of such cases, for fear of devoting resources to find people who might have already left the country.

As a result, there are a grow-

ing number of individuals who might be staying in Canada illegally, a list that could include serious criminals.

A recent example in British Columbia is the case of convicted rapist Mohamed Hagi Mohamud, a Somalia-born refugee once described by the Surrey provincial Crown counsel who prosecuted him as "a poster boy for deportation."

Mohamud had chalked up two previous assault convictions and was the subject of an immigration arrest warrant when he brutally attacked a mother of three in Surrey in March 2005.

He was finally deported earlier this year after serving time for the sexual assault.

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'Internal review' results in transfer of prisoners

BY DAVID HOGBEN
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Nine dangerous offenders in Ferndale's minimum-security prison have been transferred to more secure institutions since the escape last month of killer and rapist Blane Donald Macdougall, Correctional Services of Canada staff confirmed Tuesday.

"As part of an internal review process, it was determined that some offenders required a higher level of security setting and were thus transferred to other institutions," spokesman Dave Lefebvre said in an interview Tuesday.

He said the transfer of the nine convicts and one long-term offender to higher-security institutions was a result of Macdougall's escape.

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Killer and rapist Blane Donald Macdougall escaped from Ferndale last month.

Footage of robbery at Nanaimo station lost

BY ALLISON CROSS
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Cameras in the Nanaimo SkyTrain station were working the night an 18-year-old Vancouver woman was attacked and robbed, but key footage of her attackers was taped over.

It's the latest example of evidence being lost because the TransLink surveillance cameras run in a continuous loop, leaving police only a two-hour window to access footage of suspects.

"I'm appalled. I'm shocked," said Shyleen Datt, sister of robbery victim Sheshleen Datt. "In my sister's case, by the time the police were done with us, three hours had passed. Even at that point, it would have been too late to get the footage."

TransLink has been working on the problem since at least June 2006, when officials said six police investigations in the past seven years lost potential evidence because the tapes weren't requested soon enough.

At that time, TransLink also announced plans to install a digital system that would store better-quality colour footage for seven days. It said it expected to have the system up and running within a year.

Sheshleen Datt was robbed of her purse and cellphone as she left the SkyTrain around 9:30 p.m. on April 29. Datt said six 13- and 14-year-old girls threatened her with a knife and punched her in the face.

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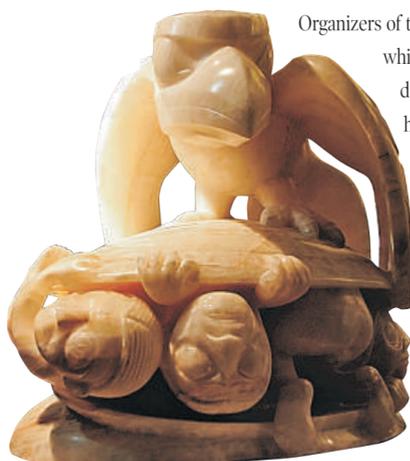
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A showcase for Bill Reid



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