

A Shot in Price

Charlottetown -- The Prince Edward Island liquor control commission announces that effective April 1, 1992, there will be a price increase on spirits and wines. There will be no increase on domestic beer.

Retail prices of spirits will increase by an average of 4.8% or \$.95 per 750 ML. Wines will be increased by 4.3% or \$.40 per litre on average.

The new retail prices reflect an increase from the manufacturer which is directly attributable to their increased costs. These increases apply to all provincial liquor jurisdictions and have been passed on the consumer earlier in the year in other provinces.

RCMP slow to report findings in UCCB case

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The RCMP in Cape Breton, N.S. have yet to make a decision regarding an alleged Sept. 1991 sexual assault.

"It's a complicated case," said RCMP superintendent George Timko. "Certain matters need to be carefully examined from a legal point of view and that's the main reason things are taking so long."

Lat fall, it was reported to the local RCMP detachment that a female, University College of Cape Breton student had been sexually assaulted in the university residence by three men during a party.

The woman was questioned several times by the RCMP, and was charged with mischief after changing her statement. The charge was later dropped due to lack of evidence.

The woman issued a written statement through her lawyer, criticizing the investigating officer, and demanding an inquiry into his conduct.

The RCMP re-opened the case and have been investigating the officer's actions.

The police have not charged the male students, and the university has not taken any disciplinary action

against the men.

The woman's lawyer, Elizabeth Cusack Walsh, said she has met with the Mounties several times, and expects a decision by the end of April.

In the meantime, the slow progress of the investigation and the media attention may have a negative impact on other women who have been abused, says a crisis worker.

"There is no doubt (the case) had deterred people from reporting cases of sexual assault," said Bea LeBlanc, executive director of the women's shelter in Sydney.

"I have spoken to several women who have mentioned the case," she said.

The women had been sexually assaulted, but did not want to file a report, saying they did not want to endure a similar fate.

A group of Sydney citizens have been meeting to assess the needs of the area for services for sexual assault victims, and raise money to fund them.

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