# **Ontario Provincial Police**

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#### **Attention News Editors:**

## **OPP Needs Your Help**

KINGSTON, ON, Feb. 21 /CNW/ - The Ontario Provincial Police, Criminal Investigation Branch, is continuing its investigation into the disappearance and death of 21 year-old Officer Cadet Joseph Grozelle. The OPP is conducting the investigation at the request of the Coroner's Office.

Grozelle, a student at the Royal Military College, went missing on Oct. 22, 2003. His body was recovered in the Cataraqui River on Nov. 13, 2003.

OPP investigators are still attempting to establish the whereabouts and timelines of the cadet prior to his death, and are seeking the public's assistance.

The OPP would like to identify and speak to the following persons from three separate and unrelated incidents, in the hope they may be able to assist in the investigation into the young man's death.

- 1. Between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Oct. 22, 2003, four pedestrians were videotaped by Fort Frontenac Security walking towards the LaSalle bridge. These people were proceeding in an easterly direction towards the Royal Military College (RMC). We are asking these four people to come forward and speak to the police. Investigators are hoping they may have information that could be of assistance.
- 2. On Oct. 29, 2003 an adult male entered the Canadian Tire Store at 59 Bath Road, Kingston. This person took down a missing person Poster of Joseph Grozelle. He then approached and spoke to an employee working at the information counter and gave her the poster. The man is described as white, approximately 6 feet tall, medium build, clean shaven, dark, wavy hair, slightly covering the

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top of his ear, approximately 30 to 40 years of age; wearing jeans and a Columbia jacket with black sleeves and a green or blue coloured torso. This man is believed to have information that is valuable to the investigation. We are asking that this person come forward or if anyone knows who this person is to please contact the OPP.

3. In December 2004, after the media coverage of the exhumation of the body of Joseph Grozelle, someone called the Kingston Crimestoppers Office and provided information about three people who were in a donut shop on the morning of Oct. 22, 2003. Officers believe this caller may have further information that will assist in the investigation and the OPP is asking that they call investigators to ascertain if more information is available.

The OPP asks that if anyone has information that may assist with any of these requests that they please contact the Frontenac Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 613-372-1932.

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