

Sealed documents sought in police Web case

The lawyer for a suspended Calgary cop accused of posting online attacks against Chief Jack Beaton says he needs information sealed by a court order to properly represent his client.

The police disciplinary hearing for Const. Taufiq Shah was put over yesterday, while lawyer Michael Bates tries to access documents from a civil suit launched by Beaton against those involved with a website critical of the chief.

"Information gathering has been very difficult," said Bates. "I have no access to the information there."

Bates said he's particularly interested in seeing the results of a civil search warrant.

Shah was suspended with pay last February after five charges were laid against him including discreditable conduct and insubordination.

He is accused of being involved with www.stand-firm.biz, which later became www.code200.com, which was highly critical of Beaton. The site has since shut down.

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