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| Date: | Time: |
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| January 11 | 4:30 p.m. |
| February 15 | 4:30 p.m. |
| March 8 | 4:30 p.m. |
| April 19 | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 10 | 4:30 p.m. |
| June 21 | 4:30 p.m. |
| August 9 | 12:00 NOON |
| September 13 | 4:30 p.m. |
| October 18 | 4:30 p.m. |
| November 15 | 4:30 p.m. |
| December 13 | 4:30 p.m. |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
 D.L. Harris
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POLICE: Union president skeptical SIU will quickly clear York cops

Chief will monitor investigation

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when Martin confronted him.

Bailey said the SIU investigation that followed dragged on so long York Region officers decided to conduct their own review and cleared Martin themselves. The SIU did the same shortly after, he said.

The SIU is a civilian-led agency that investigates incidents involving police and civilians that have resulted in serious injury, sexual assault or death.

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York Regional Police Chief Julian Fantino was in contact with both officers in the days following the shooting and said the incident has left them severely shaken.

"An event of this nature is very traumatizing," said Fantino, who had visited one of the officers in his home Tuesday and was planning to visit the other Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to the SIU investigation, the OPP is also conducting a separate investigation into the attempted murder of Martin.

"We're in wait-and-see mode," Fantino said Wednesday, declining to com-

ment on whether he has concerns about how the SIU investigation will be conducted.

"I intend to monitor the ongoing investigation and give them every professional courtesy," he said.

WRAPPED UP QUICKLY

Fantino said it is a "legitimate expectation" that the investigation will be wrapped up as quickly as possible, even though it is unclear how the new SIU rules will impact this case.

Bailey said he doesn't want a repeat of the 1992 incident.

"The guy even stood up in court and apologized for putting the officer in the position of having to shoot him," he said.

"The guy pleaded guilty and apologized to the police officer in court but Martin was still under investigation by the SIU, even after (the suspect) pleaded guilty. At that time, they didn't want to recognize a police officer's rights."

Bailey said the two officers will receive legal and emotional support from the force.

"We've got our officers in touch with very good counsel and they'll take direction from them and, as an association, we're going to be with them through the whole issue," Bailey said.

The incident occurred shortly before 8 p.m. Dec. 28 when two Durham Regional Police officers accompanied the two officers from York Region to the Sunderland home of Tony Romagnuolo. The officers were pursuing an investigation said to have begun following an incident during a RIDE stop days before.

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When the officers arrived at the house, a struggle ensued and shots were fired. The 44-year-old Romagnuolo was killed in the gun fire and his son Rocco, 17, received a single gunshot wound to the stomach. He is listed in serious but stable condition.

Three officers have been designated as subject officers — Martin, Hoskin and another from Durham Regional Police.

The second Durham officer has been designated as the witness officer.

Wednesday afternoon, the SIU issued a statement saying investigators expected to finish all interviews with the exception of Martin, Hoskin and the Durham officer.

Interviews with civilian witnesses and family members as well as with the single witness officer from Durham Region were continuing.

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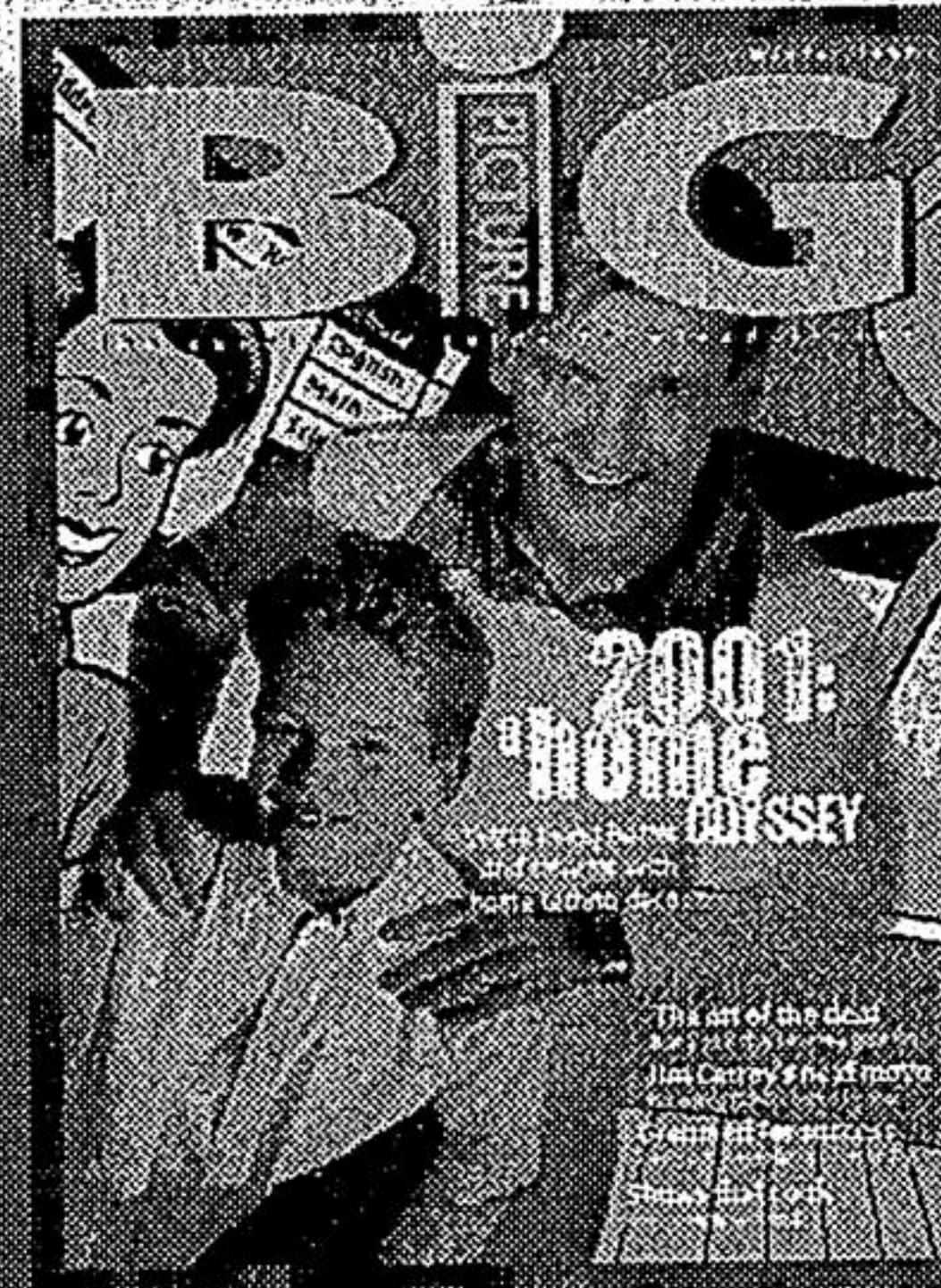
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