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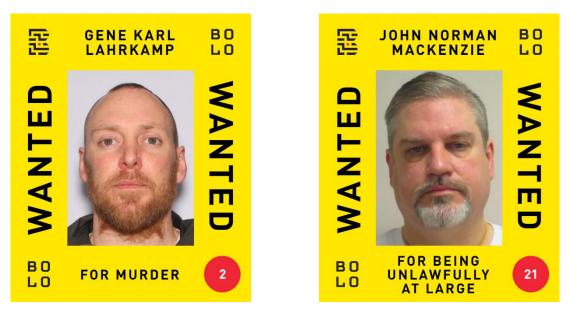
\$100,000 REWARD OFFERED FOR B.C. FUGITIVE GENE KARL LAHRKAMP, #2 ON "BOLO PROGRAM's" TOP 25 CANADIAN FUGITIVES LIST

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers anonymously

VANCOUVER, B.C. (April 26, 2022): Two fugitives from British Columbia are on a list of Canada's top 25 most-wanted released today by the national "Be On The Lookout" (<u>BOLO</u>) program, some with large rewards being offered.

A \$100,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of **36-year-old GENE KARL LAHRKAMP**, who is #2 on the list. Lahrkamp is wanted in connection with the shooting death of former Abbotsford gangster Jimi Sandhu in Thailand on February 5th.

Another B.C. fugitive, **61-year-old JOHN NORMAN MACKENZIE**, is #21 on the list. He is wanted for being unlawfully at large after escaping from Mission Institution.



At a national news conference in Toronto, BOLO announced an enhanced amplification campaign to gain attention for the top 25 through social media, advertising and other engagement methods to encourage citizens to "be on the lookout". The list was compiled in coordination with police agencies across Canada including the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-BC).

Here in B.C., Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers works in partnership with BOLO on an ongoing basis to spread the word about these fugitives, assists in gathering tips from those who want to provide information anonymously, and helps coordinate delivery of rewards offered by BOLO to those eligible to receive them.

"These two fugitives, and the rest on the top 25 list, are accused of serious crimes," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "By increasing awareness online, we and BOLO hope to attract extra attention. Crime Stoppers stands ready to take anonymous tips on any information that will help find them."

Details on BOLO's top 25 are available at <u>www.boloprogram.org</u>

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that offers rewards for anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators in the communities of Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Anonymous tips may be provided though Crime Stoppers' downloadable "P3" app for Apple and Android phones, calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, 1-855-448-8477 (new number), online at <u>solvecrime.ca</u> or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers <u>Facebook</u> page. Find MVCS on Twitter: <u>@solvecrime</u> and Instagram: <u>@metrovancouvercrimestoppers</u>.

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a criminal, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Tipsters stay anonymous by using code numbers to check back later and collect their rewards.

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