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FREEMAN-ON-THE-LAND (FOTL)

Members of the FREEMAN-ON-THE-LAND (FOTL) can present risks to officer safety. Officers are urged to exercise caution in dealing with known or suspected members of the FOTL. The FOTL is a libertarian and anti-government movement whose members believe that they are sovereign citizens and not subject to the laws of Canada. They also believe that they have the right to use force, including deadly force, in defence of their land, property, and family.

Indicators of Potential Involvement with the FOTL Movement:

- Subjects refer to themselves as Given Name of the Family Surname (e.g. John of the Family Smith),
- When writing their name, subjects use the format Given Name: Surname (e.g. John: Smith), which may be followed by "the man" (e.g. John: Smith the man),
- Subjects claim to be living as a "Son of God" or to have status as a "Son of God",
- Subjects refer to themselves as humans or flesh and blood human beings,
- Subjects refer to Canada as a corporation or a corporate entity and may refer to driver's licences and other forms of government identification as "corporate issued",
- During traffic stops, subjects refer to their common law right to travel on the land, which they believe allows them to operate a vehicle for non-commercial purposes without having to register or insure the vehicle and without being licenced as a driver,
- Subjects ask to see a police officer's "Bond Number",
- Subjects present or reference a "Notice of Understanding and Intent and Claim of Right", a document they believe exempts them from the authority of police and other officials and entitles them to charge fees if they are detained, questioned, or "otherwise regulated",
- Subjects make continued use of nonsensical legal/quasi-legal jargon,

In addition, officers are asked to remain alert for the following:

- Signage and vehicle decals containing anti-government sentiments or terms used by the FOTL movement such as "Freeman", "Sovereign", "Think Free", etc. and
- References to FOTL-related web sites such as fmotl.com, freemanitoba.com, thinkfree.ca, worldfreemansociety.org, or any of the various FOTL-inspired groups on Facebook.

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