

EASTGAARD's STATEMENTS:

152. Eastgaard agreed to provide CPS, in a non-chartered and cautioned statement, any and all information in his possession concerning the homicides committed by members of the FOB and FK street gangs. In return the Attorney General of Alberta agreed to grant Eastgaard immunity from prosecution.

The FOB Lifestyle

153. I reviewed the KGB interview of Eastgaard on March 14, 2012, that was conducted by Don Adam. The following is a summary of that interview:
- a. The purpose of the interview was to obtain from Eastgaard a historical account of the FOB and its members. The interview was not sworn nor was he chartered and cautioned;
 - b. Eastgaard stated that he became involved in gangs because he hung out with Asian guys in school. At that time there were two gangs, the Young Dragons which was run by Tai Lung and the Devil Boys which was run by Dau Foo Minh. Eastgaard had friends in both gangs;
 - c. When Eastgaard was approximately 18 years old, he met Nick and Tim Chan. He was introduced to them by Ken To. It was at that time they formed the group which would eventually be labeled the FOB. Nick Chan referred to Dau Foo Minh as his "uncle" which was a term of respect;
 - d. Eastgaard explained that Fresh off the Boat or FOB was originally used as a derogatory term to make fun of the young Asians who did not speak English. Eastgaard was not certain when it began being used as the group name;
 - e. From the time Eastgaard was approximately 18 years old until 23 years old, just prior to his going into federal custody the first time, there were essentially three groups who all sold drugs. The first group fell under Dau Foo Minh, who supplied Nick and Tim Chan with drugs. Eastgaard also sold drugs and would get his supply from either Nick or Tim Chan. The second group fell under Tai Lung. Eastgaard and Tim Chan had friends in that group and would help them out if they had troubles with anyone else. The third group fell under "Phillip". Jackie and Troy Tran fell under this third group and eventually became known as the FK. Closer to the time when Eastgaard went into custody was when the tension started between Tai Lung's group and Phillip's group;
 - f. At 24 years old, Eastgaard and Tim Chan operated a powdered cocaine "dial-a-dope" drug business. Eastgaard was arrested and convicted for

drug offences. He took responsibility so Tim Chan did not have to go to jail. Eastgaard served approximately two years in custody;

- g. Just prior to Eastgaard getting out of custody in approximately 2002, the “war” started between the FOB and FK. Nick Chan was considered the leader of the group and although they did not refer to themselves as the FOB, they had an alliance with Tai Lung’s group. They were all fighting against the FK as one of their Korean friends, Jason Youn was shot at South Centre Mall. In retaliation, an FK member, Linju Ly, was shot and killed while shoveling snow on his sidewalk;
- h. When Eastgaard got out of jail, Tim Chan told him to lay low. Tim Chan financially took care of Eastgaard because he had taken responsibility for the drug offences and Tim Chan avoided going to jail. After a while, Eastgaard started selling heroin with Tim Chan;
- i. In addition to selling drugs, Eastgaard was also involved in violence and one of his roles was to be an enforcer for the group;
- j. Eastgaard was arrested for discharging a firearm in downtown Calgary and was sent back to jail on a parole violation. He pled to a lesser charge and was sentenced to time served. When he got out of jail, Tim and Nick Chan paid Eastgaard’s rent and drove Eastgaard around. In exchange, Eastgaard provided violence for them and recruited new members for the FOB in jail;
- k. Around the time when Son Nguyen was murdered, Nick Chan had formed three “flags” within the FOB. Each flag was responsible for their criminal operations. One flag was run by Son Nguyen, one flag was run by Nick Chan and the third flag was run by Darby and Truong Nguyen. Son Nguyen’s flag had about 30 members while Nick Chan’s flag had about 20 members. Eastgaard did not know much about the third flag but believed Truong Nguyen conducted business with both the FOB and FK. Truong Nguyen eventually became loyal to the FOB after the FK ripped him off, kidnapped his girlfriend and made him pay them more money;
- l. Nick Chan collected money from each of the flags in an attempt to pay for lawyers, buy houses where they hid their drugs and houses where they could hide out. Eastgaard believed that each person was supposed to pay \$100 a week. The collection of money worked for a while however some individuals wanted to know what Nick Chan had done with the money. Nick Chan felt that he did not have to tell them that information so after a while, some members left the FOB and joined the Independent Soldiers;



- m. Although the FOB had three flags, there were no set rules for the group. They did have a payment schedule which decreased over time. If a FOB member beat up a FK member while in jail, they would have money put into their canteen. If a FOB member put a FK member in hospital they received more money and if a FK member was killed they would receive \$20,000. That amount dropped down to \$10,000. There was a book person who took care of the money made by the flags;
- n. There was a problem with their financial books in 2008 so a meeting of FOB members was held but Nick Chan did not show up. Tim Chan and Darby tried to step in and set things up again, but Eastgaard heard it did not last. Darby went to jail and Tim Chan moved to Toronto. Angelo was to take over the role of collecting the dues but no one trusted him. What each group did was their own business, but all groups fell under the umbrella of the FOB group;
- o. In 2009, Eastgaard went into custody for his third federal sentence. By that time, all of the flags had merged into one and fell under Nick Chan;
- p. Darby, Justin Rossbach and Nick Chan always had access to guns. If used properly, Nick Chan had no problems with giving a gun to Eastgaard although Eastgaard could also obtain one from Darby and Justin Rossbach;
- q. After Eastgaard was shot, Nick Chan gave Eastgaard and Roberto permission to go "hunting" for FK members with a standing order to kill them. There was a bounty on the FK members. There were no taxes, fines or other methods of discipline;
- r. The FOB did not have a defined territory or standard of dress. While in jail, there was a tattoo and a hand signal that represented the letter F. Once a member committed a shooting they were to get a tattoo of a bullet and after a certain number of years with the group there was a tattoo with different colored circles. The meaning of the tattoos changed over time. Members who had been in jail, for example, got the tattoo of the bullet just because they had been in custody for such long periods of time;
- s. Son Nguyen was usually the person who did the recruiting for the FOB. Initiation into the FOB group was accomplished by committing violent acts against FK members or anyone else. When prospective members were released from jail they would meet with Nick Chan, Henry Nguyen or Roland Chin, who were seen as three of the main seven FOB members, in addition to Eastgaard;