BTT1O1: Business Information Technology

DataBase Reading Assignment

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Direction read the article in the Toronto Star Dec 4, 2013 by Valerie Hatch entitled “RCMP Keeps Data Base”. Then answer the following questions in complete sentences.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2013/12/04/rcmp_collect_suicide_attempt_reports_and_share_details_with_us_officials.html>

1. What is the name and acronym for the RCMP data base?

*Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).*

1. To whom does the RCMP share the information in this database?

*The RCMP shares the information with the FBI as well as with some other agencies.*

1. What US agency has access to the RCMP database?

*The FBI and the U.S Customs and Borders Protection has access to this data base.*

1. What personal information is filed by police departments in the RCMP national database?

*Information related to any person’s attempts or threats to commit suicide are filed in the RCMP National Database.*

1. Explain why this type of personal information becomes a problem?

*Because it is a violation of privacy.*

1. Why does the police collect and share this personal information?

*The personal information is collected by the police so that they are able to be aware of individuals that could be a threat or create any harm to themselves or others. This protects the person themselves and also others.*

1. Who supports the collection of this personal information by the police?

*The leading mental health organizations support the collection of this personal information.*

1. Who is the Ontario Privacy Commissioner?

*Ann Cavoukian is the Ontario Privacy Commisioner.*

1. What is the concern of this type of database information by our Ontario Privacy Commissioner?

*Her concern is that information of any case about people who attempted to commit suicide is put into the data base and is shared with U.S authorities.*

1. What is the recommendation being proposed by our Privacy Commissioner?

*Her recommendation is to form a working group with police and mental health associations and develop criteria as to when sharing personal health information of attempted with the CPIC suicide is acceptable.*