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**SENT VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL**

September 7, 2016

Jacqueline Dojack, Chair  
Thunder Bay Police Services Board  
City Hall  
500 Donald St E  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Dear Ms. Dojack,

**Re: Public Complaint: Thunder Bay Police Service**  
**OIPRD Complaint Number: E-201603181148379843 – Brad DeBungee**  
**E-201693181117937812 – Chief Jim Leonard**

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I am writing to you in order to obtain a response to two letters and an email previously sent to Chief Levesque (attached).

As you may know, a complaint was filed with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) on March 18, 2016, with regard to the investigation into the death of Stacey DeBungee. In this complaint, Mr. DeBungee's family and the community of Rainy River First Nations requested that the OIPRD conduct an individual and systemic investigation in addition to requesting the removal of the investigation into Mr. DeBungee's death from the Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) and reassignment to another police service.

On July 4, 2016, Mr. Cormier, Senior Manager of Investigations at the OIPRD, wrote to our office, directing us to make our request for reassignment to Chief Levesque, as Independent Police Review Director McNeilly lacks the authority to direct police services or chiefs of police.

On July 21, 2016, Mr. Falconer of my office wrote to Chief Levesque, exactly as Mr. Cormier had directed, requesting the reassignment of the file. The letter noted that "transferring the file now, allows the possibility of learning what happened to Stacey DeBungee, or at the least, providing the DeBungee family and community of Rainy River First Nations with the comfort of knowing Stacey's loss was thoroughly and impartially investigated."

Having had not had the courtesy of any response for over a month, Mr. Falconer wrote to follow up on August 29, 2016. Again, there was no response, not even an acknowledgement of the correspondence.



On September 1, 2016, I emailed both of these letters to Chief Levesque. In that email, I specifically requested confirmation of the receipt of the letters and an indication of when I could have a detailed response. I have been met with silence.

I am writing to you now, as a final attempt. I am asking that, as the Chair of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, you follow up with your Chief to ensure that I receive a response to my correspondence by the end of this week. If I do not hear back from you, I will have to assume that no response from either the Chief of the Thunder Bay Police or the Thunder Bay Police Services Board is forthcoming. Given the significant private interests at stake, in addition to the widespread public interest in this file, I will be forced to make an additional complaint to the OIPRD.

Please forward a response to this correspondence at your earliest convenience.

Yours,



Meaghan Daniel

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cc. Brad DeBungee  
Chief Jim Leonard, and the Band Council of Rainy River First Nations  
Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes  
Chief J.P. Levesque

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