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## **PRESS ADVISORY**

### **MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS SUBSTANTIATED AGAINST THUNDER BAY POLICE REGARDING DEATH OF STACY DEBUNGEE: OIPRD REPORT**

#### **FAMILY AND LEADERSHIP SPEAK OUT**

#### **March 4, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Press Conference tomorrow morning 10:30 a.m. at the Victoria Inn, room Regency B, 555 Arthur Street W, Thunder Bay, ON.

The family of Stacy Debungee and Indigenous political leadership will speak out on the new findings of the Conduct Report of the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 5, 2018 at the Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay.

Background: On October 19, 2015, Stacy DeBungee's body was found in the McIntyre River, in Thunder Bay, ON. Within hours of the discovery of his body and before the autopsy was conducted, the Thunder Bay Police Service issued press releases ruling out foul play and declaring the death "non-criminal". The OIPRD Report chronicles how police failed to take the most basic investigative steps such as protecting the scene, interviewing witnesses and seizing evidence. Leadership right up to the Chief of Police are identified and a trail of "organizational deficiencies" are laid out in the Report.

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