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Press Conference Will Outline "Organizational Deficiencies" in Thunder Bay Police Investigation

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THUNDER BAY – 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.

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

Here is the initial NetNewsLedger.com report from October 19, 2015:

THUNDER BAY – The Thunder Bay Police Service Crime Scene Investigation Unit is investigating the discovery of a body along the walking trail on the McIntyre River between Russell and Carrick Streets.

First responders, including Superior EMS were called out after a 911 call of a person found on the river's edge at about 9:30AM EDT this morning.

Update: Thunder Bay Police are reporting that the body is that of a male. They are stating that foul play is not suspected in the incident.

Sources are telling NNL that there was reportedly a large party at that location last night, with significant quantities of alcohol being consumed. It is not know if alcohol is being considered a factor in the death of the individual.

Update: The Thunder Bay Police have released the name of the person found deceased in the McIntyre River yesterday morning.

The deceased is 41 year old Stacey Lance DeBungie of Thunder Bay.

Stacey Lance DeBungie's death has been deemed as non-criminal.

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