



## **Press Statement**

### **CAP Calls for Justice for Cileana Taylor**

OTTAWA, March 3, 2021 - The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) today calls for justice in the death of 22-year old Cileana Taylor of the Curve Lake First Nation. Ms. Taylor suffered a severe brain-injury in September when she was allegedly assaulted by Jordan Morin. On Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Taylor was pronounced dead after she was taken off of life-support. This is particular shocking given that according to court documents, Jordan Morin was on bail for a separate assault in 2019.

Statement by Congress of Aboriginal Peoples National Chief Elmer St. Pierre:

“Despite the brutal killing of Cileana Taylor, the accused Jordan Morin was allowed to walk free after a bail hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is outrageous that this man can be allowed to interact with our community after allegedly victimizing a young Indigenous woman.”

“These are the circumstances that have allowed for systemic violence against Indigenous women across our country. Our justice system must act with strength on cases which see more of our friends and family members added to the list of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).”

“CAP is calling for swift justice in this case, and for the accused Jordan Morin to be placed into custody to prevent further loss of life while on out on bail. We must see systemic changes if the government is to make real progress on future cases involving Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The system must treat the those that attack Indigenous women as seriously as other victims in society” added National Chief Elmer St. Pierre.

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#### **Background**

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is the second-oldest national aboriginal organization in Canada. It was founded in 1971, one year after the AFN. CAP represents the interests of off reserve status and non-status Indians, Métis and Southern Inuit Aboriginal Peoples throughout Canada. CAP is one of five national Indigenous organizations recognized by the federal government, and holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.