



## **Press Statement**

### **No Accountability Five Years After Shooting Death of Colten Boushie**

(August 9, 2021 – Ottawa, ON)- Today marks five years since the shooting death of Colten Boushie, member of the Red Pheasant First Nation. The Government of Saskatchewan has continuously failed the province's Indigenous peoples in this case by not calling for a public inquiry. The Colten Boushie case was plagued by a biased investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death, and mishandled evidence. In March of this year, the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC) found that the RCMP racially discriminated against Boushie's mother during the investigation.

"The Government of Saskatchewan should have taken a leadership role in this case and the appeals process" stated Congress of Aboriginal Peoples National Vice-Chief Kim Beaudin. "It's clear this case was not handled professionally by the RCMP, and Colten's family deserves to be treated equitably by Canada's justice system. Contrary to what RCMP leadership might believe, systemic racism is alive and well in the organization across Canada."

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples extends its sincere condolences to the family of Colten Boushie, and calls on the RCMP to do the minimum in providing closure with an apology for racial discrimination.

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