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Congress of Aboriginal Peoples disappointed in New Brunswick Police Commission ruling in Chantel Moore case

November 19, 2021 (OTTAWA)—The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is deeply disappointed in the findings of the New Brunswick Police Commission, stating that there is “insufficient evidence” that the Edmundston police officer who shot and killed Chantel Moore on June 4, 2020, breached the police Code of Professional Conduct.

“Yet again, another Indigenous person has died at the hands of police, with no justice for the victim or their family,” said National Chief Elmer St. Pierre. “This officer was supposed to be conducting a wellness check at Ms. Moore’s apartment, and instead she was killed by the very people meant to be checking in on her. Without knowing the full conclusions of the Commission’s report, this looks like another example of the police failing Indigenous People in Canada.”

“While the Police Commission says that this has been one of the most comprehensive investigations that they have conducted, we find that hard to believe, without seeing the final report—a report which is not being released publicly. Without this, there is no justice for Ms. Moore’s family, her community, or for Indigenous People in New Brunswick and across the country,” said National Vice-Chief Kim Beaudin.

“When we see a conclusion of ‘insufficient evidence’ we have to ask ‘why?’ Was the investigation truly thorough and comprehensive or was evidence out there not sought out or ignored?” said NBAPC President & Chief Barry LaBillois. “We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Chantel Moore and will be continuing to press for a just process.”

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