



Okanagan Indian Band

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MEMBER BULLETIN

July 31, 2020

The community is safe ***Support services are available***

Chief and Council have confirmed with the RCMP that there is no danger or threat posed to community members due to yesterday's tragic event. We will update you if things change. In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with the friends, families and others affected by the recent occurrence.

This event reminds us of the importance of reaching out in times of crisis. If you or someone you know needs help, please call one of the numbers below:

- **9-1-1** if you are in an emergency.
- **KUU-US Crisis Line** Indigenous crisis line available 24 hours per day.
1-800-588-8717, 1-800-kuu-us17
- **1-800-SUICIDE** if you are considering suicide or are concerned about someone who may be.
1-800-784-2433
- **310Mental Health Support** for emotional support, information and resources specific to mental health
310-6789 (no area code needed).
- **Kid's Help Phone** to speak to a professional counsellor, 24 hours a day.
1-800-668-6868
- **Alcohol & Drug Information and Referral Service** to find resources and support.
1-800-663-1441
- **Victim Services - RCMP** available Monday – Friday 8:30 - 4:30
250-260-7171
- **ONRT – ONA Response Team**
Charlotte Whitehead 250-869-9350, Ali Butler 250-869-1604
- **Okanagan Indian Band Health Department** Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30
250-542-5094



News Release

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RCMP investigate suspicious death in North Okanagan

31 July 2020

North Okanagan Rural – The RCMP Southeast District Major Crime Unit has been called in to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of an individual who was discovered deceased inside a home near Round Lake in the North Okanagan.

On July 30, 2020 shortly before 9:30 a.m., North Okanagan Rural RCMP was called to a home situated along Emery Louis Road near Round Lake, after the remains of a deceased individual was found inside.

“Police believe that criminality was involved in the individual’s sudden death,” states Cpl. Jesse O’Donaghey, spokesperson for the BC RCMP Southeast District. “RCMP do not believe there is any risk to public safety.”

The Vernon RCMP Integrated Forensic Identification Section is supporting the Southeast District Major Crime Unit in the investigation.

The BC Coroners Service has also been notified and will be conducting a concurrent fact-finding investigation to determine a cause of death.

Anyone with any additional information is asked to contact the RCMP Southeast District Major Crime Unit at 1-877-987-8477.

Released by:

Cpl. Jesse O’Donaghey