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## **FSIN CALLS FOR PEACEKEEPERS AFTER LATEST SHOOTING**

**(Saskatoon, SK)** Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chief Lawrence Joseph offers condolences to the family of the man RCMP shot and killed last weekend on the White Bear First Nation. It's the latest shooting by police that resulted in the death of a First Nations person. In response to the White Bear shooting Chief Joseph sent a letter to Federal Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day requesting a meeting.

"First Nations leaders and First Nations people want to promote safe communities and preventative policing," says Chief Joseph. "However, there are a number of barriers that stop us from having the capacity to do this." Chief Joseph looks forward to discussing this matter with Minister Day. Past attempts to secure a meeting regarding this issue failed.

The White Bear First Nation requested the FSIN's Special Investigation Unit conduct an investigation into the June 14<sup>th</sup> shooting. Chief Joseph will not comment on the shooting while the matter is under investigation.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the spirit and intent of the Treaties, as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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