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PRESS ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FAMILIES CRY FOUL OVER CHIEF HAUTH'S CONFLICT IN DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORTING

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Press Conference tomorrow afternoon, 1:00pm EDT, Thunder Bay, and live-streamed via Facebook live:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/333272091699215/>

Two-and-a-half years after the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) recommended that the deaths of at least nine Indigenous people in Thunder Bay be reinvestigated due to serious deficiencies in investigations conducted by the Thunder Bay Police Service ("TBPS"), family members are sounding the alarm over the role of TBPS Chief Sylvie Hauth in the reinvestigations. Their requests for assurances that she has recused herself from discussions and decision-making that would place her in conflict of interest have gone unanswered.

Family members of some of the individuals whose deaths have been subject to reinvestigation based on the *Broken Trust* recommendations, along with Julian Falconer, lawyer for the DeBungee family, will be speaking publicly about their concerns regarding the many failures of the TBPS to implement the recommendations from the OIPRD report, *Broken Trust: Indigenous People and the Thunder Bay Police Service*.

A press conference will be held **tomorrow, Tuesday June 8th, at 1:00pm in Thunder Bay** in the courtyard off Justice Avenue between the Victoriaville Mall and the courthouse.

COVID precautions will be in place for the press conference.

Press conference livestream will be available at the following link:
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