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Tsuut'ina Nation Minor Chiefs - Official Statement

Our Nation first learned of an investigation and charges outlined in a press release issued by the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) involving a member of our leadership. As elected leaders, we remain committed to safety, respect, justice, and due process.

This is a personal legal matter and does not involve the Nation as a legal entity or its administration. At this time, all information available to us is limited to what was provided in the EPS press release. We are in the early stages of assessing the situation and its impacts on the Nation. We will continue to monitor developments closely. Any developments that affect the Nation or its operations will be communicated promptly.

We recognize that this situation has caused distress, uncertainty, and trauma. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who may be affected, especially those carrying grief, loss, or difficult memories. As a Nation, we continue to invest in mental health and wellness supports for our citizens. Please see the attached memo from our wellness team.

We ask our people to allow space for the personal legal process to unfold, while we remain focused on our responsibilities as leaders. Our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the well-being of the Tsuut'ina Nation remains steadfast. We remain united in our collective goals.

We understand this matter has generated discussion and a range of opinions both within and outside the Nation. Nevertheless, we urge everyone to approach this time with compassion, respect, and kindness, especially as we mourn the recent passing of a respected Tsuut'ina Elder, fluent-language speaker, and past leader.

We extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the Starlight family during this time of loss.

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