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Police and Correctional Service Canada Must Share Internal Reports on Saskatchewan Stabbings

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The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is demanding the RCMP and CSC immediately release internal reports regarding the stabbings at the James Smith Cree Nation that killed 11 people and injured 17 others.

In 2022, 32-year-old Myles Sanderson embarked on killing spree that left the small First Nation community shocked and saddened. He later died while in police custody. Authorities are now testifying at a coroner's inquest dissecting the incidents.

"Despite the importance of the inquest and public safety, both the RCMP and CSC refuse to share their internal reports about the incident and Myles Sanderson," says CAP National Vice-Chief Kim Beaudin. "The whole point of the inquest is to examine how things unfolded and how to avoid future incidents – but how can you do that when police and corrections refuse to share what they know?"

During proceedings, the RCMP admitted that Sanderson, who had an active warrant, was not a priority and that there were 5,468 warrants throughout Saskatchewan at the time.

"Victims of these vicious crimes deserve to know all the details surrounding the tragedy," says CAP National Chief Elmer St. Pierre. "It's hard to heal when you don't have the full story."

The inquest will produce several recommendations and wraps up on February 2nd.

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