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MEDIA ADVISORY

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FIRST NATION LEADERS TO ADDRESS THUNDER BAY POLICING CRISIS AROUND RIVER DEATHS

THUNDER BAY, ON: First Nation leaders will announce action to address the policing crisis around river deaths in Thunder Bay at a press conference in Toronto tomorrow:

DATE: Wednesday May 31, 2017
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Austen Room (3rd Floor)
Eaton Chelsea Hotel
33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto

The body of 17-year-old Tammy Keeash, from North Caribou Lake First Nation, was found in the Neebing-McIntyre floodway on May 7, 2017. Less than two weeks later the body of 14-year-old Josiah Begg, of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, was also found in the river.

These followed the death of Stacy DeBungee, from Rainy River First Nation, who was found in the river on October 19, 2015. His death triggered a systemic review of racism in the TBPS by the Office of the Independent Review Director (OIPRD).

Participating will be:

- Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler
- Grand Council Treaty #3 (GCT#3) Ogichida Francis Kavanaugh
- Rainy River First Nations Chief Jim Leonard

The event will be broadcast live via Facebook: [facebook.com/NishnawbeAskiNation](https://www.facebook.com/NishnawbeAskiNation)

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