



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **AMC & FNFAO supports Jaeda Vanderwal family with vigil**

**Treaty One Territory, Winnipeg, Manitoba** - The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) continues to support the family of Jaeda Vanderwal in the aftermath of her suspicious death on January 5, 2020.

AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas stated, “Since the January 16, 2020 press conference with the Beaulieu family members regarding irregularities of Jaeda’s death, I am pleased it motivated representatives of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS), Medical Examiner’s Office, and Victim Services to meet with them, along with representatives from the AMC’s First Nations Family Advocate Office on the following day. The family was able to express their concerns surrounding the circumstances leading to her death, as well as sharing evidence and tips from the public. It was confirmed that at this time, the investigation for Jaeda’s family remains open, and the family awaits answers into the events leading up to her tragic death.”

Although the family is still seeking answers into the events leading up to Jaeda’s untimely passing, Cora Morgan, the First Nations Family Advocate confirmed that the Beaulieu family, “appreciates that the Winnipeg Police Department has acknowledged the request of the family in keeping Jaeda’s case open and to delve further into the investigation. However, they continue to ask that anyone who may have information regarding the suspicious death of Jaeda Vandewal to please contact our office.”

The AMC and the FNFAO, will hold a vigil for Jaeda Vanderwal, in support of the Beaulieu family on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the park area of Eastbound Higgins at Sutherland in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The family welcomes the public to join for prayers and songs in loving memory of Jaeda Vanderwal, and invites singers and participants to bring drums and join in loving remembrance.

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