



September 9, 2016

Human Rights Watch
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Attention: Janet Walsh, Acting Director
Women's Rights Division

Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Human Rights Watch Investigation into Police Treatment of Indigenous Women and Girls in Saskatchewan

I received your letter of August 25, 2016, requesting answers to a multitude of questions and have our Planning and Research Section working on your request. I don't believe the time line of September 23, 2016 is a realistic time frame given the scope and amount of preparation required to accurately answer the questions. We will make every effort to have a complete reply by late October or early November of this year.

In the interim, the allegations put forth are of great concern to me. I request that you advise any of the people interviewed to come forward so the incidents can be properly investigated. If members of our Service have committed acts of police misconduct, they must be held accountable.

In our province the Provincial Government has created the Public Complaints Commission. It is a civilian body (non-police) with a civilian Board that examines all official complaints of police misconduct for municipal police agencies namely; Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Estevan, and Weyburn. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police fall under a different jurisdiction for complaints and I am confident they will be contacting you with their information.

The Provincial Complaints Commission has three methods of intake for complaints or allegations:

- 1) The Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations has a Special Investigations Unit. The Unit was created as an intake point for Indigenous persons to file a complaint that will then be forwarded to the Provincial Complaints Commission. Complaints can be made in person, via telephone or online. Their address is Suite 100-103A Packham Avenue,

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 4K4; toll free telephone number is 1-877-353-3746 and email address is siu.info@fsin.com .

- 2) The Provincial Complaints Commission has their head Office in Regina, with a second office in Saskatoon. Complaints or allegations can be directed in person or on-line. Their Regina address is 300 – 1919 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 4H2. Their Saskatoon address is 916 – 122 – 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 2H6 and the toll free telephone number is 1-866-256-6194. The link to the online complaint form is: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/your-rights-and-the-law/make-a-complaint-about-the-police-service> .
- 3) A complaint or allegation can be made directly to any respective municipal police agency in person. Our address is 76 - 25th Street East, Saskatoon. Saskatchewan, S7K 3P9. All complaints are forwarded to the Provincial Complaints Commission upon receipt.

I would be pleased to meet with any of your staff concerning your request or any other issue you may wish to discuss.

Yours truly,



Clive Weighill
Chief of Police
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