

Appendix B

JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT

On December 10, 2014 two members of the Regina Police Service were responding to a call for service. As part of their investigation, they stopped Mr. Simon Ash-Mocassin and used force to detain him. It was subsequently learned he was not engaging in unlawful activity when he was stopped. In response to this incident, Mr. Ash-Mocassin filed a Human Rights Complaint against the Regina Police Service.

The Regina Police Service formally acknowledges the hurt suffered by Mr. Ash-Mocassin as a result of his detention, and the force used against him. The Regina Police Service, and the members involved, have formally apologized to Mr. Ash-Mocassin for this incident, and Mr. Mocassin has accepted this apology.

The Regina Police Service has taken responsibility for this incident, and has taken corrective steps to ensure a similar incident does not occur again. To that end, the Regina Police Service has engaged in organization wide training to remind and re-educate members about their legal authorities and of the Constitutional rights of all members of the public, in order to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future. In addition, since this incident, the Regina Police Service has implemented increased cultural competency training, specifically training on the history of Indigenous people, including the impact of Residential Schools, the 60s scoop, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Regina Police Service remains committed to Mr. Mocassin, and all members of the public. It is our hope that through this incident, and the training implemented, the Regina Police Service will emerge as a stronger and more responsive organization.

The parties have reached a mutually agreeable resolution.

Mr. Simon Ash-Mocassin expresses his gratitude to the Human Rights Commission and lawyer Scott Newell for their work on his behalf and to the Public Complaints Commission for their service in this matter. He congratulates his lawyer Larry Kowalchuk for staying the course and his guidance. Finally Mr. Ash-Mocassin wishes to thank the following for their kind assistance: Florence Stratton, Chris Kortright, Michelle Stewart, Bob Hughes, Andrew Loewen and the members and supporters of the Saskatchewan Coalition Against Racism and the loving support of his partner Ashley and his oldest children Maija and Sage throughout this journey towards justice and reconciliation. He added: "I am pleased with this outcome and the understanding shown by Chief Evan Bray".



Simon Ash- Mocassin



Chief Evan Bray