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BERO'S DEATH RULED ACCIDENTAL

Tribal Police Conclude Investigation

Akwesasne Territory. After an extensive investigation, St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police have concluded their investigation into the recent and tragic death of Hattie Bero. Medical reports released by Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, VT, confirmed that Bero died from head injuries sustained because of a fall.

On Saturday July 18, 2009, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police received a phone call from Massena Memorial Hospital reporting that Ms. Hattie Bero of Akwesasne had been admitted to the hospital with severe head injuries. Ms. Bero was airlifted to Fletcher Allen Hospital's trauma center in Burlington, Vermont later that morning. The following day, Fletcher Allen Hospital reported that Hattie Bero died of her head injuries. After conducting interviews with several eye witnesses, the police investigation reached the same conclusion as the subsequent medical report and ruled her death as accidental.

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