



# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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### TRIBAL POLICE NOW INVESTIGATING TWO RECENT DEATHS

*One Investigation Continues and Another One Opened*

**AKWESASNE TERRITORY** – On Saturday July 18, 2009, the Canadian Coast Guard informed the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police that the body of Michael David was recovered in the St. Lawrence River near St. Zotique, Quebec. Apparently, a passing ship reported the sighting and informed the Canadian Coast Guard of the location. Mr. David's body was identified through personal identification found in a wallet that was on his person. Mr. David had been reported missing on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, after last being seen around 4:00 PM on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, with the assistance of Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services, continue with the investigation and ask anyone with information on this case, to please call the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department at (518) 358-9200 or call the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at (613) 575-2340.

On the same day, Saturday July 18, 2009, at approximately 6:00 AM, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police received a phone call from Massena Memorial Hospital reporting that a female patient, 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.

On Sunday, July 19, 2009, at around 10:40 AM, Fletcher Allen Hospital reported that Hattie Bero died as a result of her head injuries. Tribal Police continue with the investigation pending a medical examiner's report. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department at (518) 358-9200.

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