



Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Statement for Release

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Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ,

On the early evening of Saturday, May 8, there was an altercation between a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ male citizen and a non-Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ female. A call was issued to the RCMP, Ucluelet detachment, for a disturbance in hitaču, including the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ male citizen who required medical assistance. When police arrived on scene, the female was in possession of what was visually a weapon. RCMP opened fire, wounding the female. Both the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizen and female victim were removed from the community via ambulance, the victim being flown to Victoria sustaining serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The weapon has been officially reported by the (IIO) Independent Investigations Office of BC, as a replica gun.

There have been running community concerns in relation to the two individuals involved. A stay away order was in place for the female.

There is an ongoing Public Order of Peace and Safety for the hitaču community. We continue to look at our treaty affiliates which include a Letter of Intent (expectation) with the RCMP, to ensure that our community is safe and secure, and where Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ can continue to live their lives in a way they are not fearful. There is belief in an equal, just society where everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect by the RCMP.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government is nonetheless concerned about this incident and the nature of other national incidents in the media. Incidents regarding the RCMP in the performance of systemic racism within their duties when it involves indigenous and other visible minorities. The security of the nation remains first and foremost.

Our thoughts are with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ – Ucluelet First Nation, our neighbouring nation, the individuals involved, and all families affected.

Sincerely,

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