



## Media Release

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### Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police and BC RCMP Serious Crime Unit Investigating a Suspicious Death Within the Xaxli'p First Nation Community

On March 24, 2022, at 0704 hrs, the Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Serve responded to a report of a serious incident that had just occurred within the Xaxli'p First Nation Community. Upon their arrival, officers found a 49-year-old adult male deceased in the front yard of a residence.

Based upon their preliminary examination of the scene and the information received at the time, Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police officers sought the assistance of the RCMP Southeast District Major Crime Unit and RCMP Southeast District Forensic Investigation Services. An examination of the scene was conducted by both police agencies in consultation with the BC Coroner's Service. A full investigation into the circumstances that led to the victim's passing and the cause of death is ongoing.

STPS Chief Deborah Doss-Cody advised that "While the cause of death is not known at this time, foul play has not been ruled out." Police are not identifying the deceased person at this time.

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*Note: Xaxli'p First Nation is formerly known as Fountain and is located approximately 15kms from the Town of Lillooet, BC, on Highway 99 North, in the Central Interior-Fraser Canyon region of British Columbia. Xaxli'p is 1 of 10 communities served by the Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service as the police of jurisdiction.*