VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY
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AS A RESULT OF AN INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF Jessie Peterloosie HELD ON Monday, November 14 to Friday, November 18, 2022.

AT Pond Inlet IN NUNAVUT

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THE JURORS HAVE CONSIDERED THE EVIDENCE AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS:

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- IDENTITY OF DECEASED: ᐊᑎᖓ ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᖅᓯᒪᔪᑦ: Jessie Peterloosie
- DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: ᐅᒃᑐᖓ ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᕐᕕᒥᓂᖓᑦᑕ: March 8, 2018, approximately 11:05 A.M.
- PLACE OF DEATH: ᓇᒦᓐᓂᖓ ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᕐᕕᒥᓂᖓᑦᑕ: House 660, Pond Inlet, Nunavut.
- CAUSE OF DEATH: ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᕐᔪᑎᒥᓂᖓ: Single gun-shot to the head. Self-inflected.
- MANNER OF DEATH: ᖃᓄᖅ ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᕐᓂᕐᒪᖔᖅ: Suicide.
- CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED: ᐱᔾᔪᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᖃᓄᖅ ᐃᓄᒍᓐᓃᕐᕕᒥᓂᖓᑦᑕ:
  - On March 5, 2018, the Pond Inlet RMCP officers received a complaint stating Jessie had pointed a firearm at another person, threatening to take person's life. When the officers acted on the complaint, he could not be located. On March 7, 2018, officers went to speak to him and they reported that RCMP truck was shot at. The officers believed it was from House 660 and Jessie was confirmed to be the only one in the house at the time of the incident. The officers called out for assistance from Iqaluit. There was a stand-off at the house 660 between Jessie and the RCMP. Jessie was advised to exit the residence to which he do not comply. Jessie shot himself in the head after about an 18 hour stand-off.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF JURY: (SEE ATTACHED)
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1. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Government of Nunavut (GN) will develop paid positions from community members who speak Inuktitut to assist RCMP negotiators during a critical incident in Nunavut.

2. The RCMP will contact mental health support person in the community immediately at the start of any critical incident to make sure support is available as needed to help during the incident.

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3. The RCMP will ensure the "V" Division (Nunavut) containment team is able to communicate directly and immediately with any Emergency Response Team (ERT) brought into the territory for critical incidents, by providing unified common channels on all the portable radios or having ERT teams with enough encrypted radios to provide to the containment team upon arrival.

4. The RCMP and the (GN) will ensure the Nunavut containment team deployment has sufficient team members to hold complex containment for extended periods of time; and will consider ensuring providing eight (8) containment members to allow for rotating and relief shifts to remain functional in cold conditions, if the staffing would allow.

5.The RCMP and the GN will ensure the Nunavut containment team is staffed and trained to establish an outer containment perimeter to protect the officers on inner containment and prevent people from entering the crisis point location; and will consider ensuring providing eight (8) containment members to provide outer containment, if staffing would allow.

6. The RCMP will consider making portable loud hailer technology available to the Nunavut containment team, and frontline officers at the detachment level, to allow officers to remotely make loud verbal announcements to the subject or members of the community from safe positions of containment.

7. The Hamlet of Pond Inlet will seek funding from the GN and Embrace Life Council to establish and operate a Men's Youth Group to promote positive interactions and relationships amongst men in the community.

8. The RCMP might utilize the Canadian Rangers to help with containment.

9. The RCMP Officers on active duty wear body cameras with microphones.

10. The RCMP Officers be provided with appropriate extreme cold-weather gears/equipment.

11. The Government of Nunavut should provide funding for gun cabinet purchases.

DATED at Pond Inlet NU on November 18, 2022.

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NAMES OF ALL JURORS:
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SIGNATURES OF ALL JURORS:
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Presiding Coroner:

Khen Sagadraca
Chief Coroner