



**VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY**  
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AS A RESULT OF AN INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JEREMY NUUVIAQ HELD ON February 28, 2022 to March 3, 2022

AT SANIRAJAK IN NUNAVUT

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

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1. IDENTITY OF DECEASED: ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ: Jeremy Nuvviaq
2. DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ: May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 1:40 am
3. PLACE OF DEATH: ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ: Health Centre Hall Beach (Sanirajak)
4. CAUSE OF DEATH: ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ: Single Gunshot Wound
5. MANNER OF DEATH: ᓃᓄᓄᓃᓐ ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ: Homicide
6. CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEATH OCCURRED: ᓃᓄᓄᓃᓐ ᓄᓃᓄᓃᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐᓄᓐᓇᓐ:

He was not cooperative and the RCMP and Jeremy didn't get along. On May 1, 2017, Jeremy Nuvviaq had been drinking in his home before he went on Facebook and talked about suicide by police. A friend of Jeremy's contacted police in Sanirajak because he was concerned for Jeremy and wanted to make sure he received help. Police went to Jeremy's home while the friend stayed on the line with police dispatch to relate what he was seeing on Facebook. Jeremy came outside with an object, later determined to be a pellet gun. While interacting with police, Jeremy shouldered the gun, pointed it at the officer and called him out by name, causing the officer to fear for his life. The officer fired a single shot at Jeremy, who died as a result of a gunshot wound to the torso at 1:40 on May 2, 2017.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF JURY: (SEE ATTACHED)**

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1. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will equip detachments in Nunavut with binoculars to magnify subjects at a distance and in responding to calls involving possible firearms.
2. The RCMP will require all officers stationed in Nunavut to receive regular and validated suicide prevention training, to help them better understand how to respond to suicidal thoughts and expressions they may encounter.





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DATED at Sanirajak, NU on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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SIGNATURES OF ALL JURORS:  
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Presiding Coroner:  
  
 Khe Sagadraca  
 Chief Coroner