



Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services

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UNIDENTIFIED BODIES FOUND IN SNEY

Update March 31, 2023

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police continue to investigate after the bodies of six (6) deceased individuals were located during an air search on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

The six individuals are believed to be from two families, one of Romanian descent and the other family believed to be citizens of India. The deceased included five adults and one child under the age of 3 who was a Canadian citizen. Police believe one infant from the Romanian family has not been located and will continue searching. All are believed to have been attempting illegal entry into the U.S. from Canada.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police are working with Immigration Canada to assist with identification and next of kin notification.

Police are continuing to search for any further victims with the assistance of dive teams, RCMP, Sûreté du Québec and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department. Please avoid the search areas at this time.

The circumstances surrounding the deaths continue to be investigated. There is no threat to the general public.

If you have any information to assist with the investigation, please contact Akwesasne Mohawk Police at 613-575-2340.