

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services
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BODIES FOUND IN SNYE
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The Akwesasne Mohawk Police are providing an update regarding discovering several bodies in the Akwesasne territory.

Previously, six (6) deceased individuals were recovered from the waters in Akwesasne. Today, two additional bodies have been recovered. One infant, a Canadian citizen of Romanian descent, and one (1) adult female believed to be an Indian National. A total of eight (8) bodies have now been recovered.

All are believed to have been attempting illegal entry into the U.S. from Canada. The circumstances surrounding the deaths continue to be investigated. There is no threat to the general public.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police are working with Immigration Canada and Homeland Security to confirm their identities so that next-of-kin notifications may be made.

Police are continuing to search the waterways for missing person Casey Oakes, who was reported missing to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police yesterday. At this time, we can not confirm that the two incidents are related. This is all the information that can be released at this time, as it is an ongoing investigation. We thank you for your co-operation.

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