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## FAMILY OF SHERMAN QUISSES AND NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION SEEKING JUSTICE IN APPLICATION FOR STAY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** The family of Sherman Quisses, the 34-year-old victim of Adam Capay and Neskantaga First Nation announced today that they are seeking legal representation and will be responding to Capay's February 21, 2017 application for a stay in his first-degree murder charge with strong opposition.

Sherman Quisses, was the father of one child and the second oldest of six siblings. When he was murdered in 2012, he predeceased his mother, Edna Moonias who passed away in 2014, and his grandmother, Sarah Quisses, who passed away in 2016.

Tristan Quisses, 13 years-old at the time of his late father's murder, now 18, said, "We are still here and have waited over 5 years for a trial—my late father deserves justice." Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation Chief said, "This case is about more than issues with access to justice, it's a case about the senseless loss of someone who was cherished by his family and our community. Our First Nation supports the family in seeking justice."

The Quisses family is in the process of obtaining legal representation and will have further comment after this time. A memorial ceremony honouring Sherman Quisses' life will also take place in Thunder Bay on Monday, March 20, 2017.

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**Neskantaga First Nation** is situated in Northern Ontario on Attawapiskat Lake, 271 kms north east of Thunder Bay, Ontario. It is a remote community accessible only by air or winter ice-road. It has over 500+ band members.

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