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**STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 15, 2023 DEATH OF WEBEQUIE FIRST
NATION MAN WHILE BEING TAKEN INTO WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE
CUSTODY**

THUNDER BAY, ON: Webequie First Nation (WFN) Chief Cornelius Wabasse has issued the following statement after the October 15, 2023 death of a Webequie First Nation man who died while being taken into custody of the Winnipeg Police:

“Firstly, Webequie First Nation extends our sincerest condolences to the family of this member. Still in the early stages of coming to grips with this situation and determining the process of it being independently investigated, Webequie First Nation is unable to issue further comment and is respectfully asking that family members not be approached by media for comment.”

Video footage of the incident was taken by witnesses which was published in a [CBC Manitoba article](#) on October 16, 2023.

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