



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

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MKO Statement about Missing Person Candace McKay-Paul

Treaty Five Territory, Thompson, MB – Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Inc. is issuing the following statement to share information about a 34-year-old woman who is missing in Winnipeg. **Candace McKay-Paul** was last seen at an apartment at 729 Wellington Avenue in Winnipeg on December 29, 2021.

Candace McKay-Paul is from the Berens River and Black River First Nations but is a life-long resident of Winnipeg. She is 5 feet 6 inches tall, between 115 to 135 pounds, has dark brown shoulder-length hair, and has tattoos on her neck and forearms.

“I urge the public to share information about Candace McKay-Paul,” said **Hilda Anderson-Pyrz**, Director of MKO’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Liaison Unit. “Due to the pandemic, Candace’s sister is unable to travel to Winnipeg to help with the search. We are urging members of the public to come forward to the Winnipeg Police with any tips you may have to help the family safely locate Candace.”

On January 12, 2022, MKO hosted a press conference to share information about Candace. Her older sister **Jessica Maude** shared the following statement:

“Candace McKay-Paul is my youngest sister. As a family, we are very concerned as we have had no contact with Candace since December 28, 2021. This is out of character for Candace not to have any contact with family. She always maintained daily contact with her family.

As a family, we are worried and ask for the public’s support in locating my sister Candace. Candace is vulnerable and we are concerned for her well-being.

Candace is very loving, kind, and very protective of her family. Family is everything to her. We ask each of you who are listening today to help us find Candace. Each day that passes, as a family we become more concerned. It has been 16 days without any contact from Candace. We urgently require the public’s support in locating her and bringing her home safely.

Candace has two sons and one grandchild who miss her and want her home.

If you have any information, please contact the Winnipeg Police Service Missing Persons Unit at (204) 986-6250 and reference Incident Number R22-656.”

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