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Media Statement by the Chief Commissioner, Marion Buller, MMIWG-FFADA

Re: Partial File Information of Family Member

VANCOUVER BC – It has come to my attention that there was an error in the handling of the file of Jenny Lay, a family member who has come forward with information concerning the murder of her mother in 1998.

I am deeply concerned to hear that this had happened. I wish to apologize to Ms. Lay and to reassure her that no personal information or document was missing from her file.

The information that was inadvertently deleted from Ms. Lay's case file was strictly limited to the intake person's identifying information. It was accidentally deleted from Ms. Lay's file when transferred to our computer system and has not been made available to the public. National Inquiry staff are working quickly to correct this situation so that this cannot happen again.

I can assure all family members, survivors and LGBTQ2S people that we take their privacy seriously. We have over 750 family members registered with the National Inquiry. We will continue to respect the information, stories and privacy of all who register with us.

As I said to the House and Senate Committees a few days ago, 'we will continue to gather the truth, give life to the truth and honour the truth'. Along with my fellow Commissioners we will be continuing that profoundly important commitment in our Community Hearing in Smithers B.C. this week."

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