

## Verdict of Coroner's Jury

<b>Deceased:</b>	Richard Binder Jr.
<b>Date and time of Death:</b>	October 25 to November 3, 2018
<b>Place of Death:</b>	68 Degrees 21'11.8"N 133 Degrees 44'54.0"W
<b>Cause of Death:</b>	Hypothermia
<b>Manner of Death:</b>	Accidental

### **Circumstances under which death occurred:**

On the evening of October 25, 2018, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded to a residence in Inuvik, Northwest Territories for reports of a disturbance. At some point after their arrival, Royal Canadian Mounted Police members told Mr. Richard Binder Jr. that he was under arrest, at which point he fled on foot down Navy Road towards Franklin Road. An officer briefly pursued Mr. Richard Binder Jr. on foot, but abandoned the chase shortly after and returned to attend Mr. Richard Binder Jr.'s girlfriend who was injured. Police members transported the injured woman to the Inuvik Regional Hospital. Police then went to speak to Mr. Richard Binder Jr.'s family and determined that he had not returned home. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police searched the community over the next two days and continued to respond to tips from community members. Numerous tips were received but there were no confirmed sightings. On October 28, 2018, Richard Binder Jr.'s family reported him missing. On November 3, 2018 two snowmobilers found a body lying on a trail between Mackenzie River and Big Lake and reported it to police. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded to the scene and found a deceased individual wearing a light hooded sweatshirt, jeans, shirt, socks and shoes.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **Royal Canadian Mounted Police:**

1. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will ensure that a public education campaign to communicate that reporting of a missing person can happen immediately as there is no waiting period for reporting a missing person.
2. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will make best efforts to make available and promote search and rescue training to community members wishing to volunteer to assist with search efforts.

3. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will make best efforts to review procedures when dealing with a flight risk individual.
4. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will, within the next year, make best efforts to ensure that members are aware of the missing persons policies contained in the "G" Division Operational Manual Chapter 37.3.
5. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will make best efforts to ensure officers at all detachments in the territory are aware of the availability of the police dog services located in Yellowknife for telephone consultation and are familiar with the use of this asset for investigative purposes.
6. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division should consider making the online missing persons investigations course a mandatory course for all members in the territory.
7. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will make best efforts to continue to make available and promote access to educational resources for members, including training opportunities, on missing persons investigations as well as search and rescue.
8. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will review "G" Division Operational Manual Chapter 37.1 Search and Rescue Section 2.4.8 and clarify the use and necessity of the search urgency form.
9. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will, depending on the specific circumstances of the investigation, make best efforts to ensure that one or two officers are assigned to update family members during a missing persons investigation.
10. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will make best efforts to increase search and rescue resources available to the Inuvik detachment.
11. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division should establish guidelines for how to weigh the value of unconfirmed sightings of an individual who is evading police and the past history and behaviour of that individual as shared by persons close to that individual.
12. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "G" Division will review media release guidelines related to individuals who are missing and also wanted on arrest warrant to ensure that all information about the missing person is made available to the public.