

Ahmo family relieved, cautiously optimistic that charges have been laid against Headingly guard.

Treaty 1 Territory – The family of Will Ahmo are relieved, grateful, and cautiously optimistic after learning that the RCMP have charged a correctional officer at Headingly Correctional Centre with criminal negligence causing death, and failure to provide the necessities of life, related to the events that led to the death of our son, brother and father, Will Ahmo.

Darlene Ahmo, Will's mother, thanked the RCMP: "This has been an incredibly hard time for our family. Knowing that we may see the people who took Will from us held accountable gives us hope. The RCMP has been respectful to our family through this process, and we are grateful for the professional manner that they conducted the investigation and stayed in contact with us."

The Ahmo family will be actively monitoring the criminal proceedings and is willing and ready to assist prosecutors however they may be able. We expect an Inquest will also be announced shortly, but will not begin its proceedings until after the criminal charges are dealt with.

This is only the first step in a long journey to justice and accountability. Securing justice for Will is going to take hard work and be costly. The Ahmo family is appealing to the community to contribute to the GoFundMe, started by the Ahmo family, which will help pay costs related to the fight for justice. Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/justice-for-william-walter-ahmo.

On February 14th 2021 shortly after 11pm, William Walter Ahmo (known to all as "Will") passed away at Health Sciences Centre after he was injured by guards at Headingly Correctional Institution.

Will Ahmo was the father of Emory, the son of Darlene, and the brother of Dara and Josh. He was a member of Sagkeeng First Nation. The Ahmo family would like to thank the many community members who have reached out to express their sympathy and support, and would particularly like to thank the Government of Sagkeeng First Nation for their support.

The Ahmo family asks that media respects their privacy in this difficult time. They will not be giving interviews.