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Update on the Ongoing Search for Peter Michael Martin

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Cloquet, Minnesota (April 25, 2024) – The Fond du Lac Band is continuing its determined search for Peter Michael Martin, who was last seen on Friday, March 8, 2024. Following three weeks of direction and leadership from the Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD), the Fond du Lac Band activated a full Emergency Command Center (EOC) on Monday, April 1, 2024, and division leaders have met daily since then to coordinate resources and carry out strategies in the search for Peter.

Since the activation of the full EOC in early April, extensive surveying efforts have taken place across the Fond du Lac Reservation, spanning over 150 miles of varied terrain, including trail systems, lakes, and rivers, far beyond the initial Mahnomen neighborhood where Peter was last seen. These significant efforts are being carried out by technically skilled staff and dedicated volunteers who provide unwavering support.

As the search progresses, the next step will be to transition from a fully activated EOC to a partial activation, which reflects the wishes of Peter Michael Martin's immediate family and the completion of search efforts in the initial area of interest and across much of the Fond du Lac Reservation. This move will allow for greater utilization of volunteers and ensure that search and rescue units continue to operate effectively in future search efforts.

The scope of the investigation remains unchanged, all leads are being documented and investigated that are pertaining to the case, and the investigation is active and ongoing. In addition to on-going efforts by the FDLPD, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO) and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (MN BCA), there are collaborative efforts with neighboring communities, law enforcement and state agencies to continue to strengthen investigative efforts.

As of today, Peter Michael Martin remains considered a missing person; however, the Fond du Lac Band, EOC, and law enforcement remain vigilant and committed to responding to any developments and exhausting all resources in the search for Peter.

To help locate Peter Michael Martin, his family and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, urge anyone with information about his whereabouts to contact authorities immediately at 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, referencing case #24032470.

Fond du Lac Police Department | 218-878-8040
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To stay up-to-date on all Missing Relative Updates and Volunteer Requests, please visit the Fond du Lac Band's website (FDLBAND.org) or follow us on social media, including Facebook (search Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa).