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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan offers support for the family of Megan Gallagher

June 2, 2022 – A 41-year old man has made a first court appearance in connection to the disappearance of Megan Gallagher in 2020. Ernest Vernon Whitehead has been charged with offering an indignity to a body. Arrest warrants are issued for two others.

44-year old Roderick William Sutherland was arrested last night by police and will make his first court appearance in Saskatoon tomorrow morning in connection to Megan’s death.

Outside Provincial Court in Saskatoon this morning, an emotional Brian Gallagher said, “The silence that has been killing us has been so devastating to so many people and it’s not just our family, there are so many families out there suffering the same realities. In many cases, theirs are far worse. We’ve got some answers in 20 months. Some people never get answers.”

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) has and will continue to support the family through this process and echoes the Gallagher family’s call for anyone with information to come forward.

MN–S Minister of Women and Gender Equity Loretta King said, “While progress in Megan’s case provides a semblance of comfort for the Gallagher family – it is not the same as justice. Justice means that all individuals who had a hand in Megan’s disappearance are properly dealt with. Justice means Métis and other Indigenous women and girls do not face rates of violence and murder that scar our families and communities. We will continue to fight for the freedom of our women and girls to live and thrive in safety “

MN–S will continue to [call for justice](#) in Megan’s case and all cases involving Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ (MMIWG2S) people. The MN–S government also supports the efforts of Métis citizen Lindsey Bishop, Megan’s sister, on her cross-Canada MMIWG2S awareness campaign with Saskatchewan resident Krista Fox.



30-year old Megan Gallagher went missing in Saskatoon in September of 2020. The following January, the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) announced it was treating her disappearance as a homicide.

SPS Major Crime investigators are still looking for information in Megan's case and ask anyone with knowledge, including the whereabouts of the two wanted persons, to contact them at 306-975-8300 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Warrants have been issued for 44-year old John Wayne Sanderson and 42-year old Jessica Sutherland. An SPS media release, including photos of those wanted by police, is [here](#).

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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. Empowered by the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels. Social Media Links: [@MNSask](#), [@metisnationsask](#)

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