



News release

Body found after extensive search near Arviat

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 30, 2001) – The body of an inmate at a correctional camp near Arviat was found following an extensive ground search during blizzard conditions.

The body of Bruce Aasivaaryuk, 25, of Baker Lake, was found around three o'clock Monday afternoon approximately ten feet from his skidoo, following a search that began Sunday evening. Mr. Aasivaaryuk was an inmate at a correctional camp outside Arviat that is operated under contract with the Nunavut Department of Justice.

Mr. Aasivaaryuk was caught in a blizzard late Sunday afternoon while out on a skidoo checking the trap lines near the camp, while under supervision of an elder.

“I want to extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Aasivaaryuk’s family,” said Premier Paul Okalik, Minister of Justice. “This is tragic and the circumstances surrounding this incident are currently under investigation.”

The incident is being investigated by the RCMP, coroner and the Corrections Division of the Department of Justice.

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