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Statement

Minister Ehaloak speaks out on RCMP incident in Kinngait

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The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister of Justice, today released the following statement:

“I have seen the video from Kinngait circulating on social media and am very concerned by the unnecessary force, the violence and the lack of respect I have seen. Nunavummiut should not fear this kind of treatment and disregard for safety and basic rights.

I met with the RCMP “V” Division Commanding Officer this afternoon to express my frustration and outrage at this situation. I have been informed by the Commanding Officer that she has ordered an independent external statutory investigation and an internal investigation into the actions of the member. I have notified the Civil Review Complaints Commission and will formally request a review once the external investigation is complete.

The past several months have been difficult for our territory and I want to assure you that I take this very seriously and I am taking decisive actions to address this situation. It is only through accountability that the RCMP will continue to build a strong and healthy relationship with Nunavummiut.”

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