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Monday December 10, 2018 **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

NAN OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF BRAIDEN JACOB

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, on behalf of the Executive Council, expressed heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Braiden Jacob and the community of Webequie First Nation:

> "Since he was reported missing on Thursday we had held out hope that Braiden would be found safe and sound. We prayed for his return, and are saddened with the news we received last night that has confirmed our worst fears. We would like to express our condolences to Braiden's family, friends and the entire Webequie community, and we will do everything possible to support them during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the Thunder Bay Police Service and the volunteers who participated in the search for Braiden. Nothing can lessen this tragic loss, but we hope that a thorough investigation will reveal the circumstances around his disappearance and help prevent similar tragedies."

Braiden, 17, was least seen on December 6, 2018, near the Victoria Inn hotel while in Thunder Bay. A body found in Chapples Park on Sunday has been identified as the teenager.

Webequie is a remote First Nation community located approximately 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

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