

Statement from Chris Amyotte's Family

We are devastated by the loss of our father, grandfather, husband, brother and uncle, Christopher Amyotte. Words cannot describe our pain, and our confusion. Whatever happened on the morning of August 22nd, Chris did not deserve to die. We expect a thorough and fair investigation; and we expect answers from the Vancouver Police Department. As a First Nations man, this is not the first time Chris has been harmed by a police force. We also demand justice for Chris and for all Indigenous and Black people who are overrepresented in fatal police encounters across this country called Canada.

Chris was born on the Ditibineya-ziiibiing (Rolling River) First Nation in southern Manitoba. He was 42 years old. Chris was always joking around, making fun of himself in order to be relatable to others, and to make them feel comfortable. He made everyone around him happy and he loved his family, all of his kids and his grandkids. He was in Vancouver visiting family and was booked to fly home tomorrow (Friday).

Chris is survived by his partner Amanda, and by his eight children. His beloved brothers, Stephan and Isaac, and his sister-in-law Angie, all work for Atira. They are reeling from his death. He will be missed by all his siblings, by his children and grandchildren, who will never get the chance to really know him.

Chris was well known in his home territory and we (his family) need to get him home. If you can help, please make a donation to Atira Women's Resource Society, stating it's for Chris in the "In Recognition of" section at <https://atira.bc.ca/give-back/donate/donate-funds-gift-cards>

We love you Chris. It hurts just to breathe, knowing you are not here with us. We promise you justice.

Amanda, Stephan, Isaac, Evan, Corey, Michael, Jennifer and Angie, and all of us who love and will miss you, always.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.