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EVIDENCE OF MISTRUST OVER THE UCP JUSTICE MINISTER CALLING EDMONTON POLICE CHIEF OVER A DISTRACTED DRIVING TICKET?

Treaty No. 6 Territory

Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kaycee Madu is under fire after he called Edmonton Police Chief Dale McFee about a ticket issued to him for distracted driving. The \$300 fine was issued in March 2021 after Edmonton Police issued Madu a ticket for allegedly using his cellphone in a school zone. Unfortunately, we are hearing about the incident nearly a year after it occurred calling into question transparency. “The UCP has been caught in a scandal related to policing – is this an indication of the future with a provincial police force” asks Cameron Alexis, spokesperson for the Confederacy of Treaty Six Chiefs on issues related to policing.

It is unfortunate – continued Cameron Alexis that Madu tried to defend his actions on Twitter writing on January 18th. “As Treaty Indians, we are well aware of issues related to racial profiling. However, we do not get to phone the Chief of Police to question a ticket” added Mr. Alexis.

While Premier Jason Kenney had the justice minister step back from his duties while ordering an independent investigation of the phone call. Minister Madu has not been forced to resign. “These two political leaders have been the main cheerleaders for supporting an Alberta Police Force. The Minister of Justice has been acting against the First Nations best interests such as making decisions on hiring companies to plot out the costs for such a police force but never once engaging First Nations on their views.” stated Cameron Alexis.

“There are many ongoing issues related to policing amongst with our First Nations – we never saw a provincial police force as an answer. Now, we witness what happens when government officials feel entitled to interfere. This does not give us comfort in their planning for a provincial police force,” conclude Mr. Alexis.

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