



## STATEMENT

Ohsweken (February 14, 2018) – Following announcement of the jury’s decision that found Gerald Stanley not guilty in the fatal shooting of Colten Boushie, a young Indigenous man in Saskatchewan; Six Nations Elected Council supports the call for an inquiry into the investigation and trial of Boushie.

The jury, lacking any Indigenous representation, deliberated for thirteen hours prior to determining Stanley, 56, not guilty of second-degree murder in the death of the 22 year old from Red Pheasant Nation.

“A promise had been made by the federal government to enhance and protect Indigenous rights,” said Chief Ava Hill. “It’s disheartening to see that major changes are still needed to ensure that an area as critical as the justice system works for everyone, regardless of nationality.”

In addition to the inquiry into Boushie’s death and the crucial need for an overhaul of the justice system, Six Nations Elected Council also supports the call to develop a national strategy that addresses racism in Canada.

“After 150 years of colonization and the loss of our peoples’ identity, culture, language and self-worth, it’s time for change,” added Hill. “It’s time for justice.”

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