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Paul Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Kennedy

I am writing to request a review of the dismissal of our complaint regarding the in-custody death of Ida Paul on June 10, 2009, in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. The Battlefords RCMP Detachment dismissed the complaint on the grounds that the BC Civil Liberties Association does not know enough about the situation to lodge a complaint, and that as a third party, we cannot be privy to the information that we do not have.

This circular reasoning is not an appropriate criterion to dismiss a complaint under the *RCMP Act*. The *RCMP Act* explicitly states under s. 45.35 (1) that any member of the public may make a complaint “whether or not that member of the public is affected by the subject-matter of the complaint”. We request that you direct the Battlefords RCMP Detachment to investigate our complaint.

Sincerely,

David Eby,
Executive Director

