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Two Individuals Found Drowned in Akulivik

Kuuujuaq, Québec, June 12, 2019 – Two bodies have been recovered near Akulivik by a search party organized by the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) and the community. The individuals had been missing from a snowmobile expedition.

At 1:54 a.m. on June 7, Mayor Eli Aullaluk notified the KRPF that two snowmobilers had fallen through the ice approximately 40 kilometres away from the community, while travelling to a nearby lake for fishing. They were part of a group of four people, travelling on two snowmobiles.

Rescue efforts were organized quickly by the community in collaboration with local KRPF officers. The assistance of the Canadian Rangers and the Sûreté du Québec (provincial police, SQ) was also requested. SQ divers were unable to reach Akulivik due to poor weather conditions.

The bodies of the two people were recovered later by the search party. A first body was recovered around 1 p.m. on June 7 and the second body about an hour later.

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