



# Akwasasne Mohawk Police Services

## "Peace, Unity & Justice"



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE:** 2023/03/30

**CONTACT:**

**Chief of Police Shawn Dulude**

**Tel: (613) 575-2340**

**Fax: (613) 575-2334**

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

### **AMPS MISSING PERSON ALERT**

The Akwasasne Mohawk Police Service is seeking the public's assistance in locating a missing person from Akwasasne. Casey Oakes, age 30, was reported missing on Thursday, March 30, 2023. He was last seen Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at approximately 9:30 p.m., boarding a small, light blue-coloured vessel departing from the East end of Cornwall Island.

He was last seen wearing a black vest, snow pants, black face mask, and a black toque.

There is no evidence to suggest Casey Oakes has come to harm. However, his prolonged absence is concerning, and police must locate Oakes to ensure his safety.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Casey Oakes or sees a person matching this description is asked to contact the Akwasasne Mohawk Police Service at (613) 575-2000.

The Akwasasne Mohawk Police has requested the assistance of the Canadian Coast Guard, and an air search will be underway this afternoon. Please be advised that a low-flying helicopter will be searching the area. AMPS would like to thank the Hogansburg-Akwasasne Volunteer Fire Department, the Canadian Coast Guard, the public and the media for their assistance.



*It is important to note that a public request for information is not the first step in all missing persons' cases; if police can investigate and locate the missing individual while maintaining that person's privacy, it is the preferred outcome. In some cases, taking the additional step of notifying the public and media and asking for their help is necessary. That may happen very quickly in an investigation, or it may be a step that is taken later when all other investigative avenues have been exhausted.*