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The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime Stands with Survivors of Sexual Violence

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The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) stands in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. We recognize the courage it takes to make a disclosure. Regardless of the outcome of criminal cases, we believe survivors, we support survivors, and we will continue to advocate for systems that prioritize trauma-informed responses, accountability, and justice.

While the court has rendered its verdict, we at The CRCVC know that legal outcomes do not always reflect the full truth of a survivor's experience. We also recognize that justice is often not achieved for survivors within the criminal justice system. The barriers are many, and the process can be retraumatizing. At The CRCVC, we will continue to support survivors through their healing journey, wherever they are, and however they need support.

We acknowledge the NHL's decision to deem the five players involved ineligible to play, pending a review of the findings. This is a positive and necessary step toward accountability. It sends a clear message that professional sports organizations must take allegations of sexual violence seriously, regardless of legal outcomes. We urge all sports institutions to follow suit by centering survivor safety and fostering cultures of respect and responsibility.

To survivors everywhere: you are not alone. We see you. We hear you. We believe you.

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