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NAVAJO NATION MOURNS THE DEATH OF ONE OF ITS CHILDREN, PRESIDENT BEGAYE CALLS FOR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ-The Navajo Nation mourns the death of one of its children. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye calls for prayers and sympathy for the Mike family.

"We need to find these murderers as quickly as possible. We cannot and will not just sit back when a young girl's life has been taken," he said. "We will work expeditiously to make sure that our system responds quickly, effectively and professionally when these types of tragedies occur."

According to the Director of the Division of Public Safety, Jesse Delmar, every protocol was followed in the New Mexico State Police issuance of the Amber Alert regarding the abduction of Ashlynnne Mike.

"There is a protocol and process in place. The New Mexico State Police have a criteria in which they have to obtain information by protocol from an agency source before they issue an Amber Alert," Director Delmar said. "Everything was handled according to the protocol and policies in issuing an Amber Alert."

President Russell Begaye said the Navajo Nation needs to implement an effective response system in which modern technology is utilized more effectively across communicative modalities, such as cell phones, the internet, radio and television. He said the Nation should be able to effectively alert, in real time, all Navajo people who have access to these forms of communication.

"There should be no delay when using technology to report the abduction of our people," President Begaye said. "We have perpetrators out here who take advantage of our children and this is totally unacceptable. These kinds of tragedies should never happen on the Navajo Nation."

President Begaye is directing the Navajo Nation Police to work closely with all law enforcement agents involved in the investigation; namely, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Police and County Sheriff.

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