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### **Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission responds to the fatal shooting of Loreal Barnell-Tsingine.**

**St. Michaels, NAVAJO NATION (Ariz.)** – Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission office (“Commission”) extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Loreal Barnell-Tsingine, the Navajo woman who was shot by Winslow Police Officer on Sunday, March 27, 2016 in Winslow, AZ.

“While it is essential to raise the consciousness of the communities, particularly the Navajo communities, about their civil and human rights at a time such as the unfortunate shooting in Winslow, it is equally important to respect the traditions of the Navajo people in this matter”, said Leonard Gorman, Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

Communities throughout the United States have grappled with concerns relating to law enforcement personnel using excessive force on individuals. “It is important that communities and individuals express their dismay with the unfortunate fatal shooting of Ms. Barnell-Tsingine; however, it is equally important to respect the family and relatives of Ms. Barnell-Tsingine as they certainly don’t want to have their child represent disharmony”, said Leonard Gorman.

On March 30, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission met with relatives of Ms. Barnell-Tsingine, and offered assistance to the family where appropriate.

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission will continue to follow the outcome and the results of the investigation of the Winslow Police Department by the Arizona Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Unit Major Crimes District.

For additional information, please contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at (928) 871-7436 or [www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov).

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