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Navajo Nation Council grieves for the loss of 11 year-old Ashlynnne Mike

WINDOW ROCK – Members the Navajo Nation Council send their heartfelt condolences to the family of 11 year-old Ashlynnne Mike, whose body was found south of Shiprock on Tuesday, after being abducted on Monday afternoon. Mike was abducted along with her young brother who was found safely on Monday evening.

“The Navajo Nation Council joins our communities and the entire Navajo Nation in grieving for the devastating loss of this young and innocent life. We offer our thoughts and prayers to Ashlynnne’s family, friends, classmates, and the many others who were a part of her life and we pray that you find comfort in knowing that she is with our Creator now,” said Speaker LoRenzo Bates.

Council members including Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie, who chairs the Law and Order Committee, urged the public to remain cautious and vigilant as law enforcement continues to search for a suspect.

“While we grieve and pray for the family, we also ask the public to be very cautious and to keep a close watch on your children and loved ones during this time,” said Delegate Yazzie. “I also ask you to keep the safety of our officers involved in the search for the suspect in your prayers.”

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty said she will continue to hold the family and loved ones in her prayers and said she is thankful that the younger brother was found safely. Delegate Crotty is a longtime advocate for Navajo youth and represents several communities near the area where the two children were abducted.

“As a mother, my most dreaded fear is to learn that my child is missing or has been hurt. We were hopeful when Ian escaped and we prayed for Ashlynnne’s safe return. My heart is so heavy as we grieve for another Navajo child that was taken from us too soon,” stated Delegate Crotty. “We will use all our might and every resource available to bring justice to the perpetrator. Our children are so precious and we lost Ashlynnne too soon. My sincere thanks to the first responders and volunteers who organized and searched for daughter.”

The San Juan Chapter will host a vigil for Ashlynnne this evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Office of the Speaker and the Council are providing assistance through donations to the family. Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the FBI at 505-889-1300.

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