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PREMIER CAMPBELL'S STATEMENT ON FALLEN RCMP OFFICERS

VANCOUVER – Premier Gordon Campbell released the following statement today in response to the tragic death of four RCMP officers in the line of duty in Alberta on Thursday.

“British Columbians join citizens across the country in mourning the four RCMP officers who died in the line of duty in Alberta Thursday.

“Throughout Canada’s history, the RCMP have helped define the values of peace, justice, safety and freedom that in turn have come to define our country. The RCMP are so much a part of our national identity that the loss of one officer touches the hearts of every Canadian, and the loss of four at once leaves our hearts broken.

“I know the thoughts and prayers of all British Columbians go out to the families and colleagues of all four fallen officers. As a nation, we were made better by their service and we are lessened by their loss. May they now find their rest sheltered by a peace even greater than the peace they themselves upheld with honour, courage and pride.

“The circumstances of the officers’ deaths have shocked all Canadians. This kind of senseless violence is not acceptable to any of us. Together, as citizens and as a society, we must continue to seek an end to the threat and injustice drug-related crimes bring to our neighbourhoods and communities across the country. That is precisely the goal these four officers were pursuing when they fell, and as Canadians we owe it to their memory to continue their work.”

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