



# Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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## Search continues for Missing Fond du Lac Relative, Peter Michael Martin

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Cloquet, MN (March 21, 2024) – The Fond du Lac (FDL) tribal community continues to look for missing relative, **PETER MICHAEL MARTIN**.

Missing relative, 31-year-old Peter Michael Martin, a Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa tribal member who grew up on the FDL Reservation's Mahnomen neighborhood is a father, brother, uncle, friend, 2011 Albrook (Southridge) High School graduate, and an avid basketball player.

On Monday, March 11, officers from the Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) were notified of a missing person and promptly responded to Peter Michael Martin's home in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the FDL Reservation. Officers arrived and were unable to locate Peter at his home. They continued to search the property, its surroundings, and canvassed the neighborhood door to door, but Peter was not found. Soon after, the St. Louis County Rescue Squad (SLCRS) was contacted to assist with the search and provide a mobile command station. Over the next 24 hours, FDLPD and SLCRS launched a 140-acre search and deployed drone support near Peter's home.

On Wednesday, March 13, FDL Emergency Management was contacted, and a community search and rescue effort was launched in the Mahnomen neighborhood, with logistical and investigative support from the FDL Police Department, where Peter was last seen on Friday, March 8.

As of Wednesday, March 20, community volunteers provided over 2500 hours of support and systematically searched, within 10-15 feet of each other, 894 acres of varying terrain, including deep woodlands, fields and wetlands, to help discover and rescue Peter. At this time, search and rescue efforts, as well as an investigation, have not discovered Peter's whereabouts. Peter remains a missing person.

*"Land and water searches continue across the Mahnomen neighborhood and surrounding watershed. These efforts are critical to locating Mr. Martin."*

– Mel Barney, Chief of Police, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band and FDLPD collaborated with SLCRS and Minnesota's Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relative (MMIR) Office to conduct search efforts. Together they deployed technologies such as drones, airplane surveillance, ATVs, cadaver dogs, human-scent bloodhound dogs, an underwater Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV), an amphibious SHERP vehicle, CalTopo mapping software, and a 21-foot boat equipped with scanning sonar.

*"The community has come together in an extraordinary way for this young man who is a son, brother, and father. It is important to emphasize that, despite the world's indifferences, when people work together, good things always emerge. The Fond du Lac Band continues to employ its resources and staff, as well as collaborate with other agencies, to assist the family in locating Peter. Our thoughts, tobacco, and prayers are with the family and the entire community. Miigwech to all for your support."*

– Chairman Kevin Dupuis, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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At this time, the Fond du Lac Band and Peter Michael Martin's family would like to acknowledge community volunteers, FDLPD, SLCRS, the Minnesota MMIR Office, and FDL's Emergency Management, Natural Resources, Conservation, Behavioral Health, and Cultural Resources Departments for their ongoing assistance.

"We are so appreciative of the overwhelming support from community it honors my brother who is a happy and outgoing person."

– Linda Martin-Proulx, Peter Michael Martin's sister and family spokesman.

If you have any information related to the whereabouts of missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, please call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Please cite case #24032470.

Fond du Lac Police Department | 218-878-8040  
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