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***Experts to discuss the growing scourge of child sexual assault and exploitation.***

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*Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada* - Child victims account for more than half of all sexual assaults reported to police in Canada. The following experts will be taking part in the **Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Educational Symposium** titled, **Not Your Child. Not Mine. Not Anyone's - It's Time to Talk about It** on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. They are available for interviews leading up to the event and in person before and immediately after the symposium, which will run from 8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Jennifer Richardson BSW**

Jennifer is the Provincial Child Sexual Exploitation Specialist and Manager of StreetReach operated through the Child Protection Branch with the Province of Manitoba. Jennifer has developed and managed several programs designed for exploited youth for the last 15 years in Manitoba.

**Great White Owl Woman**

Laurie is a survivor who shares her life experiences to help educate others on how she overcame adversity to reclaim her identity and culture. Great White Owl Woman is her spirit name that guides her journey to speak out against human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

**Signy Arnason**

Signy Arnason is the Associate Executive Director and Director of Cybertip.ca under the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. As the Director of Cybertip.ca – Canada's tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children, she oversees the operations of the tipline in its efforts to reduce and disrupt offenders' ability to harm and exploit children.

**Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair**

The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in March of 1988 and to the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba in January 2001. He was Manitoba's first Aboriginal Judge. Most recently, Justice Sinclair served as Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

**The 2015 Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards** will take place immediately following the symposium, hosted by **Lorne Cardinal** and **Max Poulin**. **Jonathan Rosenthal**, pro bono legal counsel for Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada will deliver a keynote on the Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh case. Two of MacIntosh's victims, **Bob Martin** and **Dale Sutherland**, will receive the Rosalind Prober Award for Advocacy. The honourable **Peter MacKay**, former Justice Minister of Canada will present the award.

Also available for interviews:

**Darlene Newton**, President  
Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada

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