

Memorial display of murdered and missing women in BC



National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

DECEMBER 6, 2008 On this national day of mourning, we remember the 14 young women singled out and killed because they were women, December 6, 1989 at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. We also reflect on the women who are murdered or experience violence every day across Canada.

Highway 16 in northern BC is known as the "Highway of Tears" because of the many young women who've vanished or whose bodies have been found along this road. In Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, many more women have been murdered or are missing. A majority of these women are Aboriginal.

Aboriginal women, aged 25 to 44, are five times more likely than other Canadian women of the same age to die as a result of violence. (*Stolen Sisters: A Human Rights Response to Discrimination and Violence Against Indigenous Women in Canada*, Amnesty International 2004.)

Together we can work towards ending violence against all women.



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