

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Secretary of Security Julián Pacheco Tinoco  
C/O Embassy of Honduras, 130 Albert Street, Suite 805  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4

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## Investigate Disappearance of Honduras Human Rights Activists

Dear Secretary Julián Pacheco Tinoco,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to investigate the disappearance on July 28, 2020 of the indigenous human rights activists **Alberth Snider Centeno Tomas (President of the OFRANEH)**, four members of the OFRANEH: **Suami Aparicio Mejía García, Gerardo Mizael Rochez Cálix, Milton Joel Martínez Álvarez**, and a fifth person, **Junior Rafael Juárez Mejía**.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about the abduction of these individuals. It has been reported that the abductors were dressed as local law enforcement and that an initial investigation has turned up no results.

We believe that you have an obligation to conduct an independent, effective and impartial investigation into their disappearance, without delay. Furthermore, please bring those responsible for the abduction to justice. We urge you as well to undertake all the measures necessary to find these five Garifuna human rights activists and ensure their safety.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane  
Executive Director  
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur  
Vice President Equity  
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cc. Ambassador Sofía Lastenia Cerrato Rodríguez