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SASKATCHEWAN INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THE REGINA QU'APPELLE REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (RQRHA) FAILED TO MEET ITS STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS IN DEALING WITH ACCESS REQUEST

Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, Gary Dickson, today released his Review Report LA - 2009-002 / H - 2009-001. This Report dealt with a review of a decision by the RQRHA to deny access to the estate of a deceased woman. The estate had sought access to the personal health information of the deceased who had received treatment from RQRHA.

The Commissioner found that in the circumstances of this case, the estate was entitled to the personal health information in question although certain records should be withheld since it involved the personal information of third parties. The Commissioner found that RQRHA failed to respond openly, accurately and completely to the estate's request and therefore failed to meet the statutory duty to assist.

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The Report is now accessible at www.oipc.sk.ca under the tab 'Reports'. For a paper copy please contact:

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