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AIANTA Mourns Member Rurik Davis

Albuquerque, New Mexico (February 23, 2014) – The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) Board of Directors, staff, and membership were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Rurik Davis and two other tribal members and their tribal administrator, victims of the tragic violence at Cedarville Rancheria last week.

Rurik Davis was serving as tribal chairman of the Northern Paiute tribe at Cedarville Rancheria in Alturas, California, and a member of AIANTA at the time of his death. Davis was involved with AIANTA since 2010, became a member of AIANTA in 2012 and had been nominated to the AIANTA Board of Directors in 2013.

Sherry L. Rupert, President of AIANTA, is expected to attend Davis' funeral services in Alturas. "Rurik had a big personality and made people smile," Ms. Rupert commented. "He had a love for his culture and his people and worked hard for his tribe. At AIANTA, we will remember him with fondness and respect."

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