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## Canada's Highway of Tears and Police Neglect

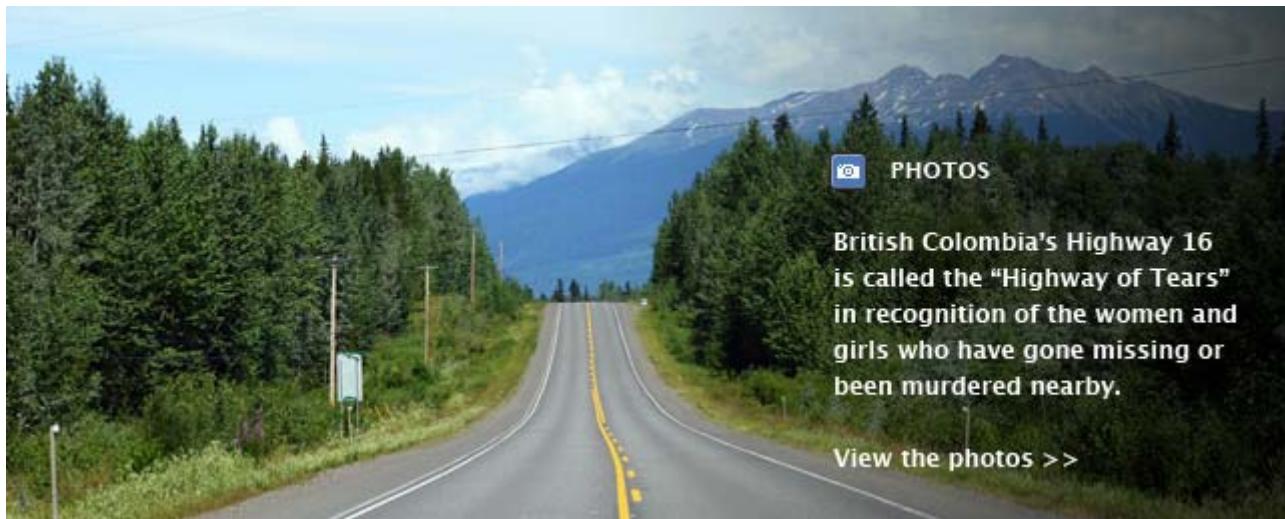


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Where can British Columbia's indigenous women turn for help when the police are known to be unresponsive, and, in some cases, abusive?

Dozens of women and girls have been murdered or have disappeared since the late 1960s near British Columbia's infamous Highway 16, called the "Highway of Tears." Most were indigenous, and most of the cases remain unsolved.

Not only have the police failed to deal with this violence and protect indigenous women, they have sometimes compounded the problem with their own abuses.

Women who call the police for help with domestic violence may find themselves blamed for the situation, shamed for alcohol use, or even arrested for trying to defend themselves. We received reports of police Tasering or punching indigenous girls, and even assaulting or raping women.

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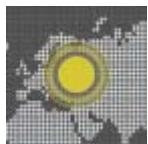


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