

# Where is Lisa-Marie?

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Police have spoken to the man, now being held in Saskatchewan awaiting trial on a charge of assaulting a police officer. Nanaimo RCMP have issued a warrant for his arrest for breaching a conditional sentence on matters unrelated to Lisa Marie's case.

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