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(S.D.)-FBI Says It Won't Reopen Pine Ridge Reservation Cases

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - An FBI spokesman says the agency won't reopen investigations into the deaths of more than 50 people on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation during the 1970s.

Leaders of the Oglala Sioux tribe had requested that the FBI re-investigate those deaths and what they believe are additional unsolved murders since then. They say the cases were insufficiently investigated.

But FBI spokesman Kyle Loven says the cases won't be reopened without new information. Loven's statement to The Associated Press was the government's first public response to the request.

A 2000 FBI report stated the bureau was right in closing the cases, even in situations where no one had been arrested for a death deemed unnatural.

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