

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **PROSECUTION BEGINS FOR FORMER KICKAPOO TRIBAL LEADERS**

HORTON, KS. | Three former leaders of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas are accused of misusing money belonging to the Horton, Kansas tribe.

Steve Cadue, Bobbi Darnell and Adolph Cadue, Jr. have all been charged with fraudulent handling of recordable instruments, tampering with records and misuse of tribal funds. Steve Cadue is a former tribal chairman. Darnell was the Treasurer and Adolph Cadue, Jr. was the Secretary of the tribal council.

The Kickapoo Tribe is represented by Special Prosecutor, Tom Lemon of the Topeka law firm Cavanaugh Biggs & Lemon, P.A. Court documents do not yet list any attorneys for the three charged officials.

The Complaints allege that tribal council officials took action to draw down money from the tribe's federal burial fund then falsified resolutions showing the tribal council action was for a much greater amount. Based on those resolutions, those amounts were then transferred from the tribe's burial fund held by the federal government on behalf of the Tribe to the Tribe's bank account where the money was used to subsidize payroll and other tribal expenses.

Kickapoo tribal chairman Lester Randall stated "during our investigation into these issues we have detailed egregious alteration of tribal records and gross mismanagement of tribal monies. This is an attempt to make those public officials accountable to the Kickapoo tribal membership for this wrongdoing."

Both Steve Cadue and Adolph Cadue, Jr. were removed from their tribal council positions pursuant to the tribal constitution after the tribal council determined they committed misconduct in office.

Each of the three charges are punishable by six (6) months imprisonment and up to banishment from the Kickapoo Reservation.

Their first appearance has been set for April 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas has more than 1,600 members and is governed by its Tribal Council.

The Tribe's reservation land is located approximately five miles west of Horton, Kansas in Brown County and encompasses an area of approximately 30 square miles (the Tribe does not own all of the land located within the Federally-recognized reservation).

For more information on the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, including employment opportunities, please refer to the following Kickapoo Tribe websites:

[www.ktik-nsn.org](http://www.ktik-nsn.org)

[www.goldeneaglecasino.com](http://www.goldeneaglecasino.com)