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- Sergeant at Malone Police Department
- Studied Land Surveying at Paul Smith's College
- Married to Heather Montroy-Smith

Sat 2:34 PM

Malone Police Department

Thank you for passing along. We are aware and the Chief of Police will be investigating upon his return to work.



Akwesasne TV

February 23 at 7:51 AM ·

Updated(02.23.19 - 2:15pm) — The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe have issued a joint press release after a series of events took place related to the regulation of recreational cannabis that “threatened to disrupt the peace and safety of the Akwesasne community.”

A protest erupted on Friday evening when a few dozen people gathered in front of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service’s(AMPS) headquarters, located in Saint Regis, QC.

The events and incidents... between residents and police unfolded hours after an apparent second raid and arrests were made at Wild Flower Cannabis Dispensary — located on Island Rd in Akwesasne on the Canadian portion of the territory. As news of the raid swept through social media, a public call out was made to residents to head over to the AMPS station.

Earlier this month, AMPS confirmed they had carried out raids on Wild Flower Cannabis Dispensary and AK420, who were alleged to be conducting business without a valid licence from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne(MCA). The regulation of cannabis is under the MCA’s jurisdiction, and while it has passed a set of interim cannabis regulations, there have been no licences issued under those regulations yet.

The issue seems to surround jurisdictional matters on Cannabis and who has the authority to issue licenses.

In response to these incidents, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council issued the following statement:

“Akwesasne has faced many challenges as part of an ongoing effort to ensure that the health and safety of the community remains a priority. At this time, we respectfully acknowledge the differing perspectives on this matter and encourage continued peaceful dialogue. Throughout this process, we continue to seek the assistance of all Akwesasronon in promoting peace, harmony, and the working relationships we’ve proudly achieved in recent years.”

The image of an AMPS vehicle, which eye-witnesses say was stolen and then set on fire, was left near the International ice bridge between Saint Regis and Syne, QC. (Image: Marlon Johnson).

ATV will continue to update the community as new information becomes available.

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Kanathonson Horn-David MCA is just as bad as the WHITE MAN, #puppets #whitemanspuppets


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Markie Hill Who signs your welfare checks? Or approves your dental? Or allows you to come use there clinic for family. asking for a friend? Stop getting hand outs from mca then maybe you can say they r Just as bad

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Kanathonson Horn-David Markie Hill Well fed not welfare!

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Markie Hill I'm just saying as a statement.

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Irving Cook Kanathonson Horn-David who signs ur welfare check boi 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

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Kanathonson Horn-David Just bc ur on Welfare doesn't mean everyone else is, so let me ask who signs ur welfare check 🤔🤔🤔

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Kayenderes DO DA MA AAAH.....GEEEEES.....U Guys.

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Evan Lenney Matt Stas this is back home lol

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Lisa Gibson This is only the beginning.

In Kanesatake (Oka), there are approximately 12 stores open and running. ...See More

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Lenny Oakes It's not about the weed it's about the so called leaders selling out for personal gain with no regard for the people who work hard for their families and traditions. The white government influences need to made aware that our values aren't for sale and need to be understood. The power is the people and not white mans politics. KEEP THIS MOVEMENT ALIVE. WARRIOR UP!!!!!!

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Vanessa Conners Smoke Regulations

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Johanne H Jackson Lenny Oakes just curious, what kind of personal gain ?

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Josh Angus What happened to sovereign nation... There more NYS police and border patrol on the reserve now than ever.... Harrassing people all over the place... This is the people fighting for there rights to be free. Maybe them akwes need to focus on the epidemic like opioids and heroin the shit that kills people instead of wasting time money and obviously vehicles on weed. Get your fuckin priorities straight...

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Ryan Baptiste Violence is no way well how else do you get armed thugs to stop coming to your homes and stores to steal money and product

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Timmy Sakawennenhawe Montour



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Shellah Jacobs I don't think insurance will cover this. They were on the ice which isn't covered.oops

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Nick Kolbasook For those upset with what happened:

Long story short, they don't hold our values and enforce foreign laws. The people tried using their voice, the police state chose the stick...See More

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Nick Kolbasook This is not about weed. Whether you like weed or the people who use it, it doesn't matter. The police chose to use force, empowered by federal and provincial law. Their exact words last night. They are enforcing federal and provincial law.

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Nick Kolbasook If you dont like weed, go to a community meeting, post on fb, do whatever you have to do. Dont jump in the white man's ship because of a divisive issue

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Nick Kolbasook You have to hold your nation and sovereignty higher than your personal opinions

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Kenwenteshon Deer Its not about pot , its about juristicion n assertion of authority

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Lugnūt Scheuer



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Demetri PettyWap LaFrance MCA should make a statement to the community as to why this is happening and stick by it. Instead of everyone trying to connect the dots. Being honest is too risky nowadays.

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Jenny Conners You need a license to operate... is that not a clear, honest statement?

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Demetri PettyWap LaFrance Jenny Conners clear as day....but if it's not coming from MCA themselves then your wasting your time

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Maryjane Collette Lazare Jenny Conners they had a license Jen, from the longhouse. That is what the issue is. MCA license or Longhouse license, which one is valid? AMPS is only doing these raids under the direction of MCA. Thats their job. Its not personal for them. But they are getting treated like its them doing it on their own.

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Jenny Conners Yeah, I get that... I assumed MCA issued a statement that people had to apply for a license through them, since everyone is up in arms about getting one. I did look in their past articles posted and haven't come across one. But well, we all know how to do it properly now if we didn't before 📄♀ and they still won't do it.

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Sandra Tarbell Jenny Conners there was a statement I seen it on here last week after 420 was "raided". It mentioned safety as the main reason.

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Norman Manyfingers This area seems to be ungovernable like Mexico because of the terrain. In Mexico, the trees, jungles, lakes, desert and mountains make it a very difficult place to patrol for law enforcement agencies. The agencies just go around like chickens with...See More

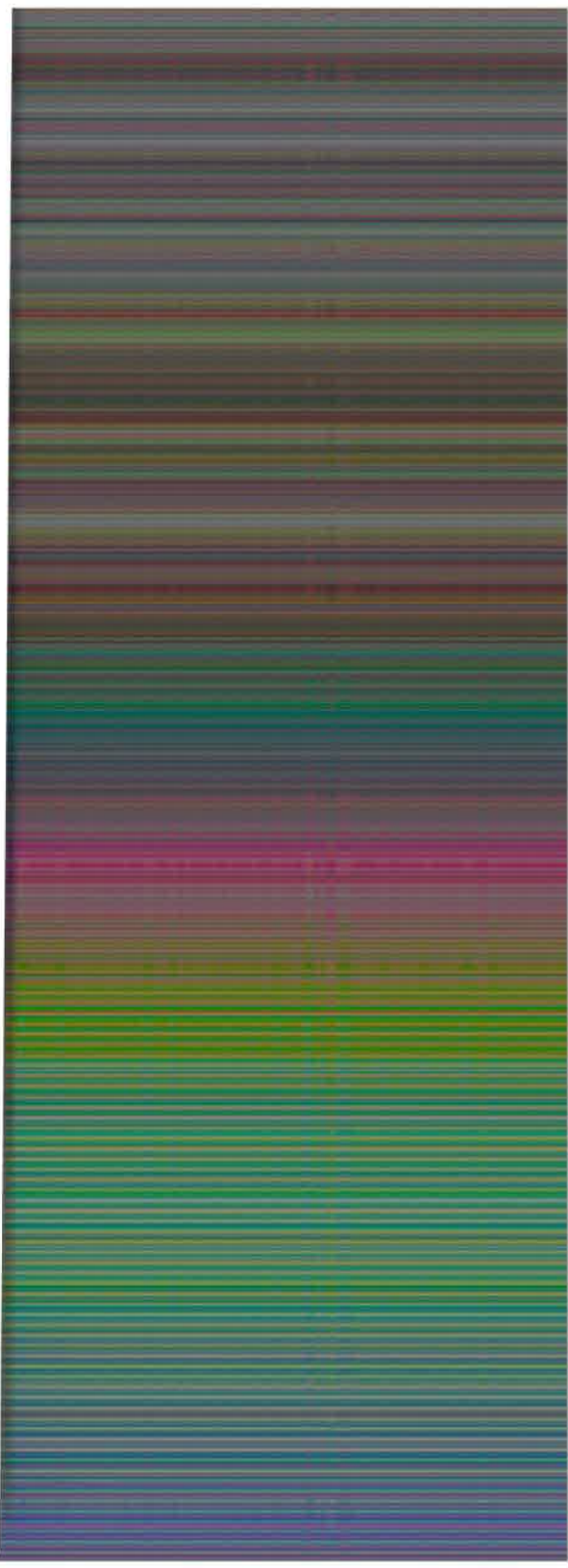
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Erik Gunner Norman Manyfingers nah it's just the white ways control over our ppl and now our own ppl



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Josephine Herne



Disney GIF

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David Pryce They need to but out a d leave the natives alone

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Liz King Mohawks dont need a license to do shit.

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Sooze laScala Liz King , and I agree.

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Tyler Brown It's about them acting like they're above everyone else.... this is not the right way to do things but at least someone did something..

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Debra Da Silva And burning and rioting is right? Did we not learn by what happened at the old customs that it never works out for the majority, just my opinion but wouldn't a small group of people who speak for the community in a rational, informed and mature way bring better results?

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Yak Briggs Debra Nope lol

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Wasentiiostha Thompson It was, until push came to shove
N shove they did!!!! Yah

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April Seymour Akwesasne TV why would you delete my comment but not that above savages comment? Call 483-2424 to leave a VM for his supervisor Premo, let him know how you feel about his sergeants comment.

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Rudy Corkin Shared with his bosses number. I hope someone took a screen shot.

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Heather Montroy-Smith April Seymour kind of pathetic of you!!

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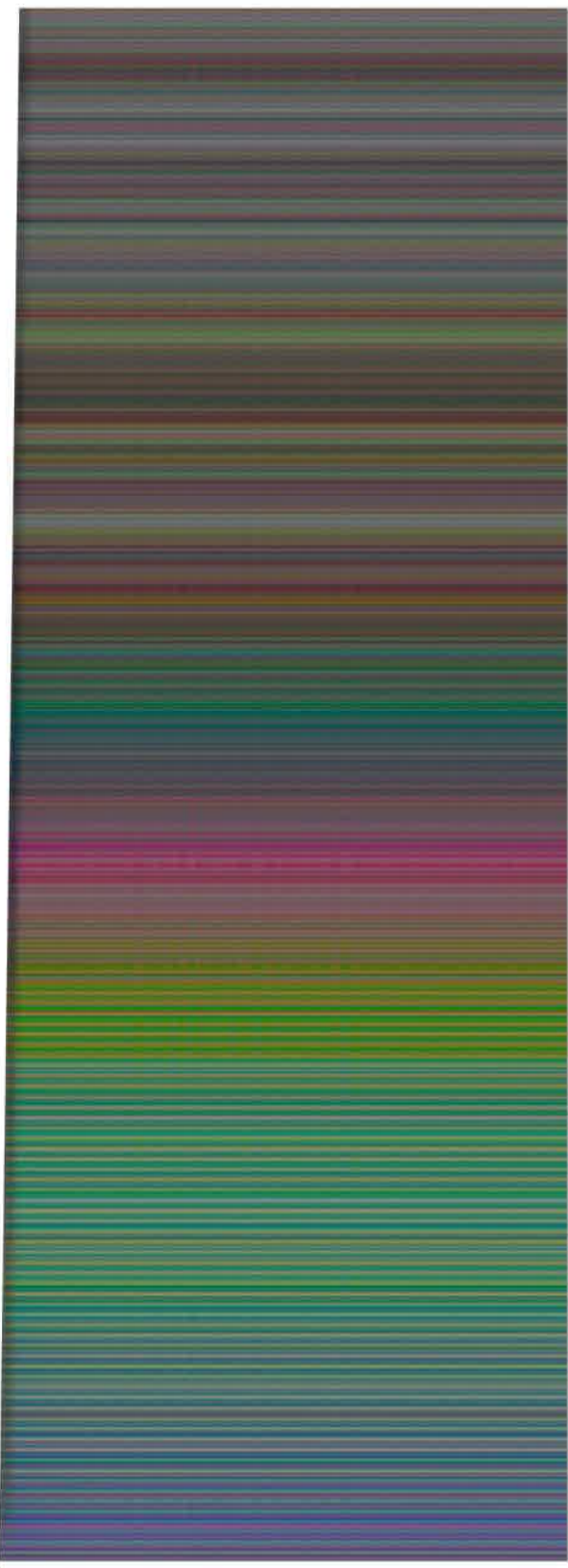
Akwesasne TV April Seymour we didn't delete any comments from this strand.

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Heather Montroy-Smith Rudy Corkin again stupid comment..



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Markie Hill Your from Moira. Why you even on here?

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Maryjane Collette Lazare Rudy Corkin lots of people took screen shots me being one.
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Maryjane Collette Lazare April Seymour the jerk deleted his comment and we were all under that. So when he deleted it automatically deleted ours. but I've got a screen shot so no worries.
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Rudy Corkin Good job. Don't let it slide.
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April Seymour Akwesasne TV He must have reported it then, it's gone.
Niawen
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Heather Montroy-Smith Markie Hill doesn't really matter where I'm from..

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Mc Loven The MCA regulated sales is setting the stage to pay taxes to ontario. Its a foot in the door for the canadian government. Next will be sales tax on all goods. Maybe even give up tax exempt status all together. I would be interested to see if this "lottery" results in the wealthier people of akwesasne obtaining licences.

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Alf Jones Is that the reservation I walked through when I walked from Cornwall Canada to the USA.

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Tab Boyer Yes

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Kenneth Charleson Ivory I seen this crazy!

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Howard Marks Pardon my lack of knowledge here, but i was under the pretense that native councils controlled desicion making on their land. If the tribal council had passed a motion to permit cannabis on reserve, i don't understand why the dispensary wasn't issued a permit to operate.

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Curtis Mitchell The real problem is about the authenticity of the leadership. There's a huge piece of the puzzle missing but not too many see what's missing

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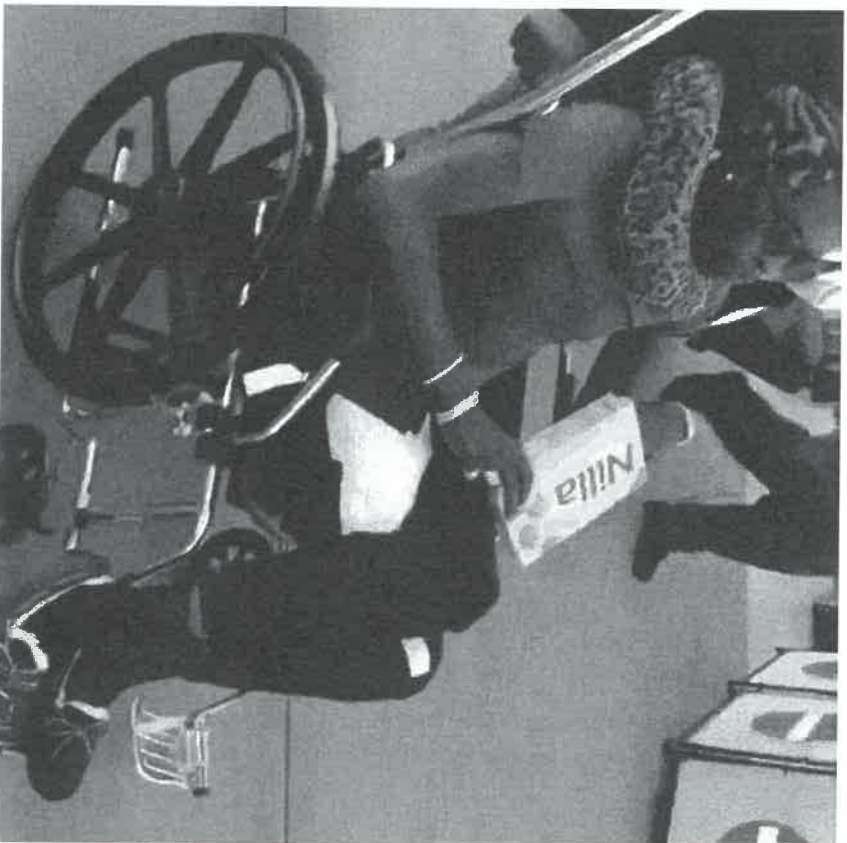
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Dylan Adams

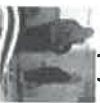


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Marilyn June Bush Hickok The officers are just doing there job

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Paul Cookies Closs

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Scott Joinson The officers are pig goofs that deserve to die for their choices to act against humanity.
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Marilyn June Bush Hickok Scott Joinson you are a Asshole

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Ray Riel Those cops are collaborating with colonization and pushing European laws on native lands

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Tuma Twadri Yo Henhawk Worst excuse ever, they chose their profession knowing full well what they were going to be doing. Foh

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Christian Bigeagle The code of conduct for the Warrior Society prohibits the consumption of drugs and alcohol. That includes marijuana. The recreational use of marijuana is not a traditional indigenous practice. We, the warriors outside Akwesasne aren't about to die defending someone's greed and addiction. Those defending dispensary will not receive aid from warriors who still follow the code of conduct.

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Veronica Thornton Christian Bigeagle Can I just say your profile is awesome. So much history in pics.

Wow!!!

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Tyler Derden Christian Bigeagle I have a question how do we know smokin weed or some form getting lit wasn't used by the ancestors..?? Remember winters were long and boring.. and I bet those winter stories were lit 🍄 if u was stoned listening to em.. lol

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Christian Bigeagle Tyler Derden Marijuana is not a plant indigenous to North America.

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Tyler Derden Christian Bigeagle yea it's from China originally.. however there's like lots of other stuff to smoke around here lol 😊 and i would argue that weed makes a man reflect.. also remember that for some reason god gave us a cannaboid system our bodies lite...See More

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Marlon Johnson Isnt it "Mother Earth!?" Not "Mother North America!" You're missing the point here Ms. Bigeagle...In what Capacity do u have any rights speaking for the Warriors Society?

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Ray Riel Christian you out of all people should know this isn't about weed. And yes there are many warriors willing to die to deny Canadian law. a dispensary put the water over the top because the cup is already full.

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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel What happened there has nothing to do with indigenous rights. It's about greed and addiction. I for one am not going to die defending the drug trade. We are warriors not gang members.

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Christian Bigeagle Marlon Johnson I've been a member of the Warrior Society for 9 years. And the former Warrior Chief of Cree Warriors Society.

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Ray Riel It very much does Christian. W

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Brandon Bigtree Christian Bigeagle

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Akwesasne People's Meeting

17 hrs ·

If You Think its Only About Cannabis, You're the Problem

By: Kaiatihtakeh

It is no surprise to the community that the Akwesasne Mohawk Peacekeeper Program... conducted raids on "unlicensed" dispensaries recently. The community understands the need for law and order, but under whose law, is this order coming from? When meeting with Sean Delude, Leanne O'Brian and Karihwateh Mitchell; the three respective women, representing each of their clans, discussed the peoples concerns. It is apparent that the community is concerned about the safety of the youth, and the regulations which need to be developed and followed.

Within the last month, Akwesasne Peoples meetings have been held every Wednesday, where developing regulations is a main priority. All kaniekehaka are welcome to attend, learn and discuss matters which affect us as a community, and as a nation. We are not the only territory meeting on similar matters. All of the sister territories have been meeting amongst themselves, and then coming together as a Nation to deal with certain matters which effect our Nation in ways that are not apparent and obvious to anyone uneducated in the matter. This is the reason why it is so important to educate yourself, have open discussion and dialogue. Our people, at the Akwesasne Peoples Meetings are not trying to change anyone's mind, the main goal is information sharing, education, consensus and understanding; which is the way it was meant to be.

Our community has forgotten, that before the Indian Act was imposed upon us, and the RCMP murdered Jake Ice; we had a government system in place. Our way of life worked for hundreds and thousands of years, but when the colonizers floated ashore in the ship, they brought with them their ideas, and form of Patriarchal government. Their ways did not sync with ours, as a matrilineal society. Although we became allies, we did not agree to surrender our ways, we agreed to live in peace amongst each other. Our people protected and sheltered the colonizers and settlers, we allowed them to settle on our territories in exchange for certain items, and treaty agreements. They came on their ship, they did not bring land with them, so they have no title nor authority over our people. They have the right to govern themselves, with their own system.

Even then, the colonizers seen how our Great peace worked, and they could only aspire to be like us. They tried, but they were missing one major component; the connection to the land, which we are made of. We have been caretakers of this land since the beginning, the soil is made up of our ancestors, we are made up of the waters which flow through our territory and we have the blood of our ancestors and all that they have endured.

The Wolf Belt, which represents patriarchy and assimilation, is the logo for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. That alone explains why we are in the situations we are in now. The Wolf Belt represents the Seven Nations of praying Indians, who were converted by the French Jesuits. When they wanted Akwesasne to join, it did not happen. One could guess it was because the newly formed seven nations only allowed for males over 18 to have a voice. The women were ignored and belittled. There was no democracy, as the chiefs first born son would inherit the title after his passing; doesn't that sound a little familiar? Now, we know MCA is not operated in the same fashion, but none the less; their government represents assimilation. When the Crown came onto our lands and arrested our leaders and forced them to get on the ship; the crown began interfering with our traditional council.

By enacting the Indian Act, within the state of Canada, ran by the crown owned by Her Majesty the Queen. The Crown allowed each community to form their own by-law and regulations but imposed their provincial and federal laws on our territory.

So, when community members say things like, well quit taking their money, housing, and utilising their programs. You have to remember, when those settlers and colonizers came, we didn't just give them a place to settle for nothing in return; where's the reciprocity in that? They agreed on their end to continue honouring their agreements, basically the monies the crown puts in trust for the "Indians" is the rent they owe us. And no matter if the Indian Act exists or is abolished tomorrow, the Crown still owes us rent for as long as they are settled on Turtle Island.

The community is concerned about what it would look like if MCA's Council is removed, remember they are only administrators. When you think administrator, do you imagine someone signing treaties and agreements with foreign governments? Do you imagine admins lobbying for money?

The programs would continue to run, because of the program managers, executive directors and everyone else who works hard to provide the community with the programs that we are in great need of. Why can't we make Canada come to Akwesasne to meet with the people, why does it have to be a closed-door discussion with a select few? Where does the funding come from to pay the Elected Officials to meet with outside agencies? When our own people criticize one another for utilizing western medicine and living in the modern day. You have to remember, even if we wanted to go back to our original teaching, we can't live off of the land here in Akwesasne. We have all become accustomed to our modern-day lifestyles, all the elders who were alive in a different time are all but gone. The elders are the ones we need, to help us get back to our original ways.

We cannot point fingers at one another. It is no one's fault, our elders were sent to residential schools and taught to be ashamed of our lifestyle. The idea is so engrained in many of our people, they don't know or truly understand what it was like to be Onkwewhonwe, before the Church came in. But when someone opens their eyes, later in life, you cannot shame them. It's better late than never. There is always someone ready to teach you, all you have to do is ask.

With social media in today's day and age, community are able to voice their concerns more easily. But what's lacking is the face to face communication, where words are exchanged, and the energy is in sync. We have to remember how important it is to be with people, and to talk in person; nowadays our youth or so hypnotized by the screen, that is one of our struggles is keeping the true spirit of family alive. Without family, we don't not have the proper support system, without the proper support system our people fall, they go astray. Then we end up with hurt people, lost, just trying to find some kind of connection. We always have to remember, we are all humans, we adapt, and we evolve, right now MCA is trying to control that evolution, and we must adapt. But we also have to speak up, when the evolution

is not helping our people to survive. When other species evolve, they do not evolve to become lesser then, they do it to become better at survival. It is in our nature to want to survive, but when we have different beliefs, our idea of surviving do not match up.

When the stand off took place at the Akwesasne Peacekeeper station, the people tried to appeal to men standing in front of them, as just that, men. When the people were informed that Abram Benedict finally agreed to meet, after 5 hours of the stand off. Not one elected official came to hear the concerns of the people. The Chief of Police would not come outside to meet with the people, and they would not let the people in to meet with him. At first, the AKWE's said only two people could go in to meet with Sean Delude. The people deliberated on who to send, it was decided that three women, one from each of the original clans. The people demanded Sean Delude to resign, alongside all the new peacekeepers and any peacekeeper belonging to a different nation. It was asked who signed off on the warrants, which no answer was given. It was asked, "Why was the OPP invited onto our territory?", the answer was, because the peacekeepers didn't have the "Numbers", although Mr. Delude stated Akwesasne is federal, they had no legitimate reason as to why they brought provincial law onto Akwesasne. When asked, "What are you charging the dispensaries? Under what grounds?" Mr. Delude stated, Under the "CANADIAN" cannabis law. Mr. Delude said the people should take a step back and wait until MCA issues licenses. MCA has had since October to get it together, why did they chose to wait, so it can fall under Ontario Provincial Law? The women then countered, and said the people want Mr. Delude and Ms. O'Brian to resign, and maybe they should take a step back and leave until the people can figure out how to handle the situation. In which, the women were met with ridicule.

The lack of respect was apparent, when the meeting took place, with three Kaniekehaka women, and two outsiders and one Kaniekehaka man. Not one employee of the Akwesasne Peace Keepers would take responsibility for the raids, although the one Kaniekehaka man, Karihwate Mitchell, knew the judge in Cornwall signed off on the warrant. It only takes half a brain to figure out who is truly behind the raids.

After refusing to leave, the discussions fell through. When the women came out and informed the people of the discussions that took place in the peacekeeper station. An altercation ensued between some of the men and the peace keepers. After the men got their frustrations out, everyone became peaceful again. Everyone agreed to go home, after the peacekeepers promised a meeting with the Grand Chief of MCA and the Chief of Police to take place Sunday on the "American" side, which was supposed to be open to the people. That promised went unfulfilled, instead both band councils issued a joint press release. The complete lack of support and understanding amongst our own people, is something that needs to be addressed on both sides. If our own people can dismiss the Kaienerakowa, like its some legend, it is disheartening to know we have come to the point where "Skennen" is meaningless to the majority of our people.

As soon as the Peace keepers hire a dozen new recruits, the first thing they do is enforce foreign law on our territory. They arrested one person and brought them straight to Cornwall, Ontario to process him under their Canadian Law. How does it make sense to arrest someone within our territory, and charge them outside of our territory? Because there are no laws in place, within Akwesasne to charge them. Which is why MCA is pushing their Legislative Committee to develop several new laws, but as of now there are no laws within Akwesasne, pertaining to Cannabis.

Everything is coming at our people all at once, we barely have time to catch our breath, and something else comes up. What woke a lot of people up, was the Dundee Settlement Agreement, which basically is a surrender. Community members appealed the decision, in which court hearings are taking place. The first appeal hearing was open to the public, when MCA's attorney said some interesting things. Now, the Akwesasne Court wants to keep the appeal hearings closed to the public, and they will not provide the requested transcripts from the first appeal hearing. Then we have the raids that took place several weeks ago, which got even more people's attention. Once the second raid took place at Wild Flower, in

Friday evening, the women had enough and called upon the men to gather and deal with this issue head on. Now, we are at point of no return, we need to see this through and finish what we have started. For the next seven generations, and so long as the women bear life, we will not stand down.

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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel Marijuana is not part of our culture.

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Ray Riel Neither is cellphones, taking pictures of yourself ect. That's not the point. It's about self determination as a people . The weed is going to get sold either way. either with Canada or with ourselves. Pick. Don't hate.

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Ray Riel Again this is bigger than weed Christian I'm in flummox how you fail to understand that.

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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel I'm a traditionalist and traditionalists don't drink or use drugs. And I am not alone in my opposition to the marijuana trade in Native territory. The Longhouse at Kahnawake also opposes the sale and recreational use of marijuana.

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Ray Riel You have that right kahnawake also has that right. That's the point Christian . They have that right . We all native peoples should defend each other's right. Especially when it's resisting colonial law.

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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel It is Canada that legalized the recreational use of marijuana. Not indigenous nations.

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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel So, in a ways the people defending the marijuana dispensary are defending Canadian law in Native territory.

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Ray Riel It opened a market that some of our people want to jump on. We have to support that

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Ray Riel The dispensary got the green light from the long house . They just didn't get it from c&c . Is what I was told. Tribal police said the great law doesn't mean anything to them . This is what caused outrage Christian. I ask for you to understand this.

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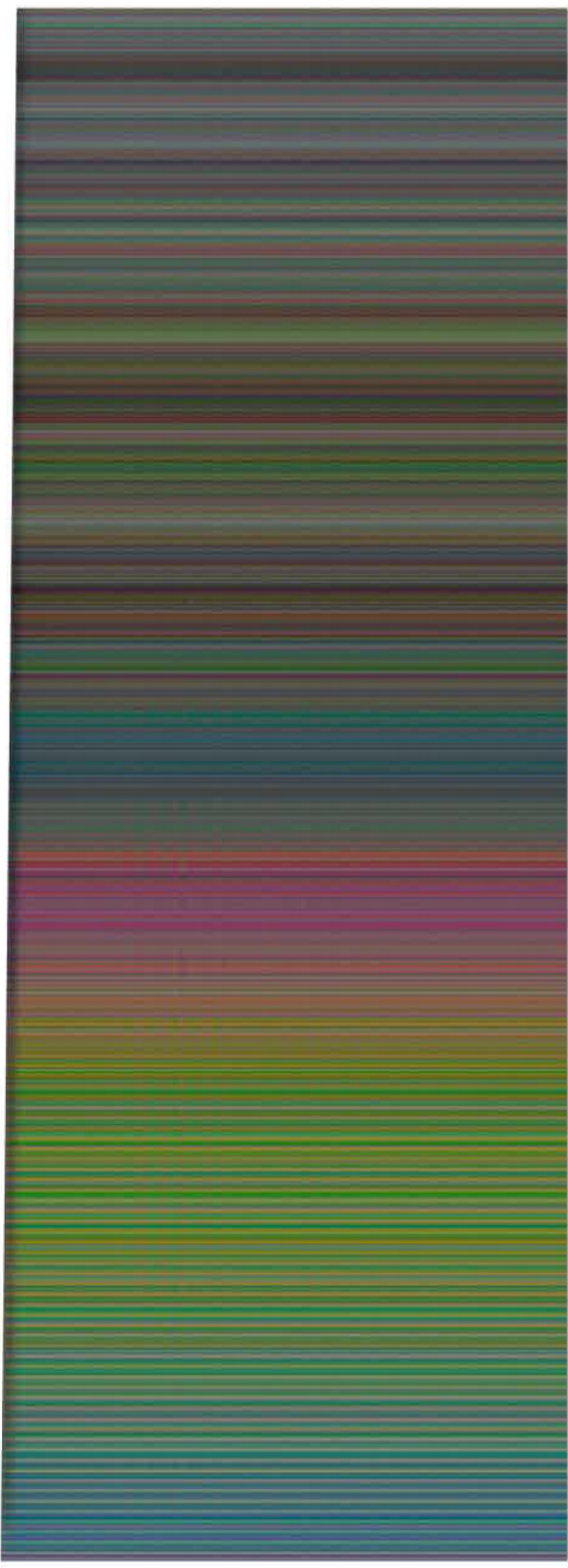
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Christian Bigeagle Ray Riel Marijuana dispensaries will hinder a Native community's independence because it'll make them dependent on people from neighboring communities. So the marijuana trade can be viewed as an attack on Native sovereignty.

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Marlon Johnson Christian Bigeagle your closed mindedness is why we have nothing today...to survive u must open you're acceptance that the world is changing, traditionalism is noble, but to remain relevant in modern society, u must accept things you normally would not...The bigger picture is our Sovereignty, our right to do our own bidding not being beholden to the Government and they're regulations... We make our own rules...

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John Gamble It's all about money the government doesn't want you buying it at the corner store they are losing millions on tax free cigarettes

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Veronica Thornton John Gamble isn't it because of drug and alcohol prohibition?

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Franklyn McNaughton There is a good side of cannabis extract , which is the medicine part , Old natives used cannabis for when someone was all better from other illnesses cured by native medicines , but it was in their head that they were not well , then cannabis was used to make them feel better

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Franklyn McNaughton Like any medicine it is not to be abused

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Wanda Mason Yes , I am getting you some as soon as I can go ..

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Markie Hill If I want to be in a sovereign nation, can I still get welfare from tribe/mca or family allowance? Asking for a friend.

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Brandon Bigtree Markie Hill

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Akwesasne People's Meeting

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If You Think its Only About Cannabis, You're the Problem

By: Kaiititakeh

It is no surprise to the community that the Akwesasne Mohawk Peacekeeper Program... conducted raids on "unlicensed" dispensaries recently. The community understands the need for law and order, but under whose law, is this order coming from? When meeting with Sean Delude, Leanne O'Brian and Karinwateh Mitchell, the three respective women, representing each of their clans, discussed the peoples concerns. It is apparent that the community is concerned about the safety of the youth, and the regulations which need to be developed and followed.

Within the last month, Akwesasne Peoples meetings have been held every Wednesday, where developing regulations is a main priority. All kaniekehaka are welcome to attend, learn and discuss matters which affect us as a community, and as a nation. We are not the only territory meeting on similar matters. All of the sister territories have been meeting amongst themselves, and then coming together as a Nation to deal with certain matters which effect our Nation in ways that are not apparent and obvious to anyone uneducated in the matter. This is the reason why it is so important to educate yourself, have open discussion and dialogue. Our people, at the Akwesasne Peoples Meetings are not trying to change anyone's mind, the main goal is information sharing, education, consensus and understanding; which is the way it was meant to be.

Our community has forgotten, that before the Indian Act was imposed upon us, and the RCMP murdered Jake Ice; we had a government system in place. Our way of life worked for hundreds and thousands of years, but when the colonizers floated ashore in the ship, they brought with them their ideas, and form of Patriarchal government. Their ways did not sync with ours, as a matrilineal society. Although we became allies, we did not agree to surrender our ways, we agreed to live in peace amongst each other. Our people protected and sheltered the colonizers and settlers, we allowed them to settle on our territories in exchange for certain items, and treaty agreements. They came on their ship, they did not bring land with them, so they have no title nor authority over our people. They have the right to govern themselves, with their own system.

Even then, the colonizers seen how our Great peace worked, and they could only aspire to be like us. They tried, but they were missing one major component; the connection to the land, which we are made of. We have been caretakers of this land since the beginning, the soil is made up of our ancestors, we are made up of the waters which flow through our territory and we have the blood of our ancestors and all that they have endured.

The Wolf Belt, which represents patriarchy and assimilation, is the logo for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. That alone explains why we are in the situations we are in now. The Wolf Belt represents the Seven Nations of praying Indians, who were converted by the French Jesuits. When they wanted Akwesasne to join, it did not happen. One could guess it was because the newly formed seven nations only allowed for males over 18 to have a voice. The women were ignored and belittled. There was no democracy, as the chiefs first born son would inherit the title after his passing; doesn't that sound a little familiar? Now, we know MCA is not operated in the same fashion, but none the less; their government represents assimilation. When the Crown came onto our lands and arrested our leaders and forced them to get on the ship: the crown began interfering with our traditional council. By enacting the Indian Act, within the state of Canada, ran by the crown owned by Her Majesty the Queen. The Crown allowed each community to form their own by-law and regulations but imposed their provincial and federal laws on our territory.

So, when community members say things like, well quit taking their money, housing, and utilising their programs. You have to remember, when those settlers and colonizers came, we didn't just give them a place to settle for nothing in return; where's the reciprocity in that? They agreed on their end to continue honouring their agreements, basically the monies the crown puts in trust for the "Indians" is the rent they owe us. And no matter if the Indian Act exists or is abolished tomorrow, the Crown still owes us rent for as long as they are settled on Turtle Island.

The community is concerned about what it would look like if MCA's Council is removed, remember they are only administrators. When you think administrator, do you imagine someone signing treaties and agreements with foreign governments? Do you imagine admins lobbying for money?

The programs would continue to run, because of the program managers, executive directors and everyone else who works hard to provide the community with the programs that we are in great need of. Why can't we make Canada come to Akwesasne to meet with the people, why does it have to be a closed-door discussion with a select few? Where does the funding come from to pay the Elected Officials to meet with outside agencies? When our own people criticize one another for utilizing western medicine and living in the modern day. You have to remember, even if we wanted to go back to our original teaching, we can't live off of the land here in Akwesasne. We have all become accustomed to our modern-day lifestyles, all the elders who were alive in a different time are all but gone. The elders are the ones we need, to help us get back to our original ways.

We cannot point fingers at one another. It is no one's fault, our elders were sent to residential schools and taught to be ashamed of our lifestyle. The idea is so engrained in many of our people, they don't know or truly understand what it was like to be Onkwehonwe, before the Church came in. But when someone opens their eyes, later in life, you cannot shame them. It's better late than never. There is always someone ready to teach you, all you have to do is ask.

With social media in today's day and age, community are able to voice their concerns more easily. But what's lacking is the face to face communication, where words are exchanged, and the energy is in sync. We have to remember how important it is to be with people, and to talk in person; nowadays our youth or so hypnotized by the screen, that is one of our struggles is keeping the true spirit of family alive. Without family, we don't not have the proper support system, without the proper support system our people fall, they go astray. Then we end up with hurt people, lost, just trying to find some kind of connection. We always have to remember, we are all humans, we adapt, and we evolve, right now MCA

is trying to control that evolution, and we must adapt. But we also have to speak up, when the evolution

is not helping our people to survive. When other species evolve, they do not evolve to become lesser then, they do it to become better at survival. It is in our nature to want to survive, but when we have different beliefs, our idea of surviving do not match up.

When the stand off took place at the Akwesasne Peacekeeper station, the people tried to appeal to men standing in front of them, as just that, men. When the people were informed that Abram Benedict finally agreed to meet, after 5 hours of the stand off. Not one elected official came to hear the concerns of the people. The Chief of Police would not come outside to meet with the people, and they would not let the people in to meet with him. At first, the AKWE's said only two people could go in to meet with Sean Delude. The people deliberated on who to send, it was decided that three women, one from each of the original clans. The people demanded Sean Delude to resign, alongside all the new peacekeepers and any peacekeeper belonging to a different nation. It was asked who signed off on the warrants, which no answer was given. It was asked, "Why was the OPP invited onto our territory?", the answer was, because the peacekeepers didn't have the "Numbers", although Mr. Delude stated Akwesasne is federal, they had no legitimate reason as to why they brought provincial law onto Akwesasne. When asked, "What are you charging the dispensaries? Under what grounds?" Mr. Delude stated, Under the "CANADIAN" cannabis law. Mr. Delude said the people should take a step back and wait until MCA issues licenses. MCA has had since October to get it together, why did they chose to wait, so it can fall under Ontario Provincial Law? The women then countered, and said the people want Mr. Delude and Ms. O'Brian to resign, and maybe they should take a step back and leave until the people can figure out how to handle the situation. In which, the women were met with ridicule.

The lack of respect was apparent, when the meeting took place, with three Kaniekehaka women, and two outsiders and one Kaniekehaka man. Not one employee of the Akwesasne Peace Keepers would take responsibility for the raids, although the one Kaniekehaka man, Karhwate Mitchell, knew the judge in Cornwall signed off on the warrant. It only takes half a brain to figure out who is truly behind the raids.

After refusing to leave, the discussions fell through. When the women came out and informed the people of the discussions that took place in the peacekeeper station. An altercation ensued between some of the men and the peace keepers. After the men got their frustrations out, everyone became peaceful again. Everyone agreed to go home, after the peacekeepers promised a meeting with the Grand Chief of MCA and the Chief of Police to take place Sunday on the "American" side, which was supposed to be open to the people. That promised went unfulfilled, instead both band councils issued a joint press release. The complete lack of support and understanding amongst our own people, is something that needs to be addressed on both sides. If our own people can dismiss the Kaienerakowa, like its some legend, it is disheartening to know we have come to the point where "Skennen" is meaningless to the majority of our people.

As soon as the Peace keepers hire a dozen new recruits, the first thing they do is enforce foreign law on our territory. They arrested one person and brought them straight to Cornwall, Ontario to process him under their Canadian Law. How does it make sense to arrest someone within our territory, and charge them outside of our territory? Because there are no laws in place, within Akwesasne to charge them. Which is why MCA is pushing their Legislative Committee to develop several new laws, but as of now there are no laws within Akwesasne, pertaining to Cannabis.

Everything is coming at our people all at once, we barely have time to catch our breath, and something else comes up. What woke a lot of people up, was the Dundee Settlement Agreement, which basically is a surrender. Community members appealed the decision, in which court hearings are taking place. The first appeal hearing was open to the public, when MCA's attorney said some interesting things. Now, the Akwesasne Court wants to keep the appeal hearings closed to the public, and they will not provide the requested transcripts from the first appeal hearing. Then we have the raids that took place several weeks ago, which got even more people's attention. Once the second raid took place at Wild Flower, in



Friday evening, the women had enough and called upon the men to gather and deal with this issue head on. Now, we are at point of no return, we need to see this through and finish what we have started. For the next seven generations, and so long as the women bear life, we will not stand down.

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Priscilla Parent Jacob Merle

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Travis Shaffar Can I buy the taillights and rims off of that suv?

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Dave McCleary Well shoot first ask questions later

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Terry Phillips



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Ogañhna Wathtech This is what I'm afraid for my nation.

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Louis Zachary I hope both sides will come up with a sensible solution because they both better realize it's the white government that's causing all the trouble besides greed and the love of money ! We all need money to survive now adays but natives fighting each ot...See More

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Robert Lee Clark Louis Zachary racist much?

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Joey Curran Daniel Moore

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Brandon Bigtree I just seen out west the blackfoot just gave some white girl a head dress who is here to help push canadas assimilation process. Maybe one should quit reading and get out more and take action instead of typing behind a keyboard.

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Johnathan Gray This is not a good way to get It legalized, what happened to the old times of the tribe when no one complained.

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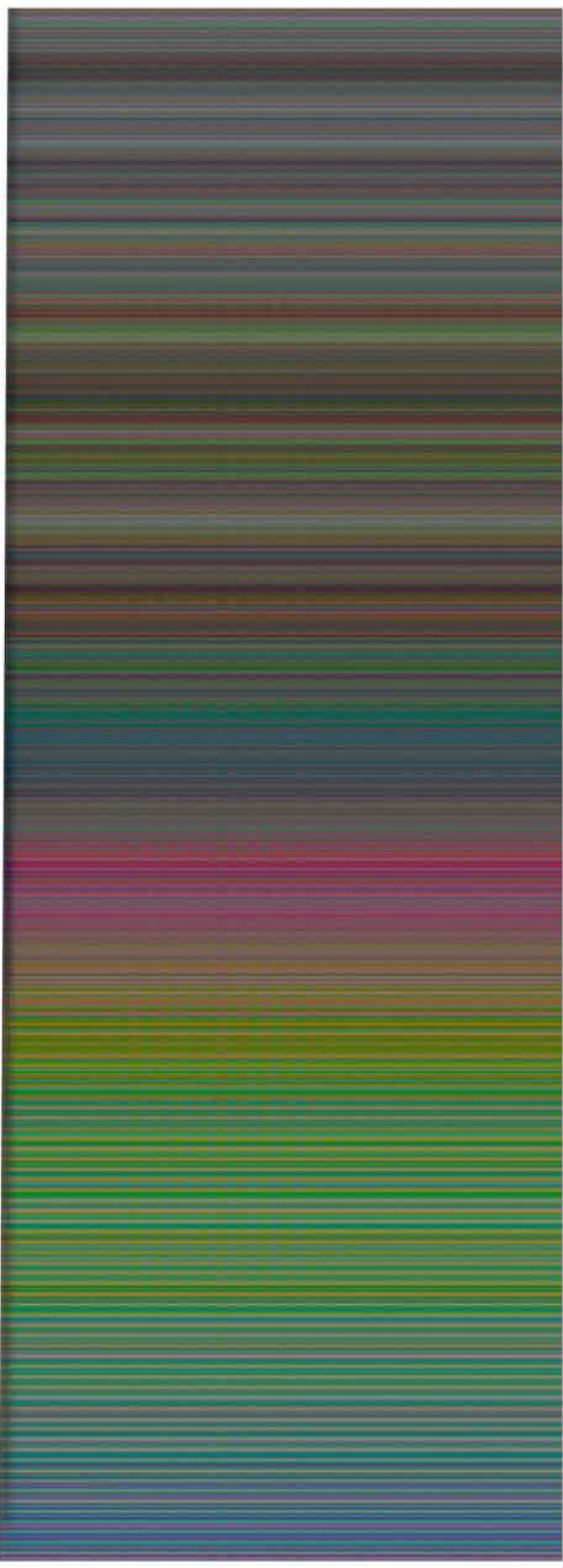
Paul Noubarian So.... please help me understand how pushing a vehicle into the drink and setting it on fire is going to bring resolve to the licensing issue?

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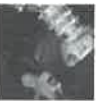
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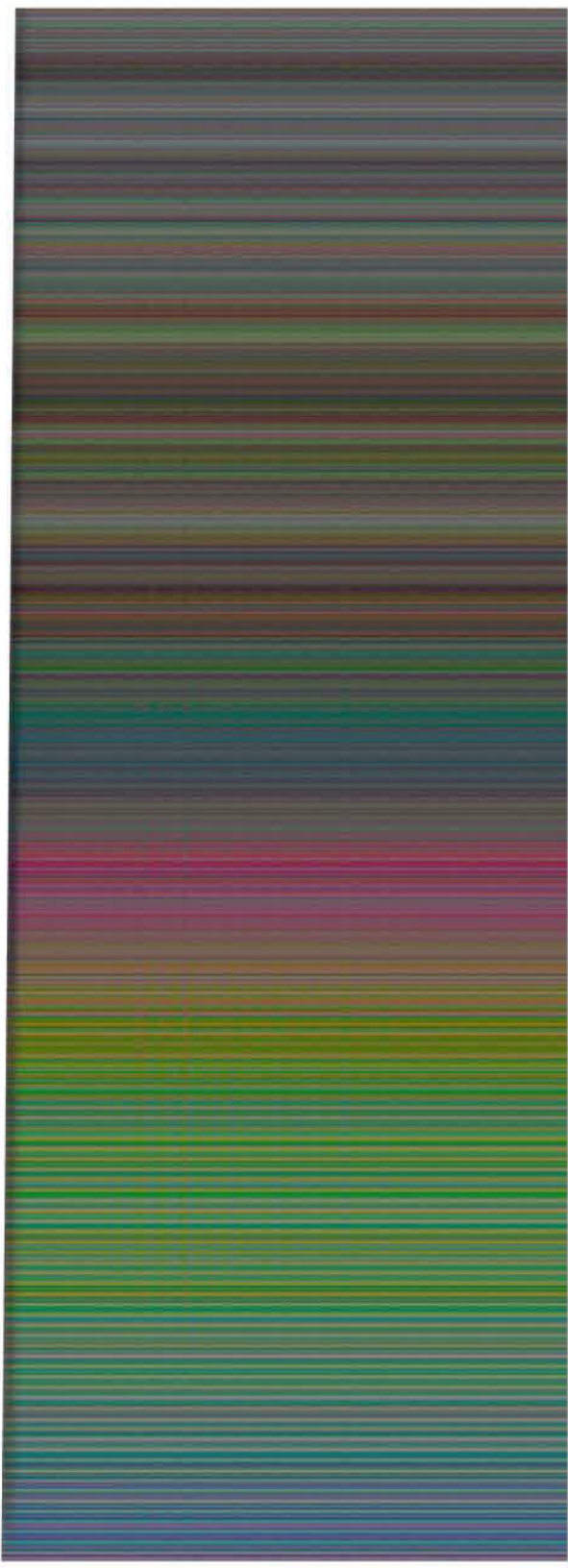
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Vince Sioui Ruining Ancestral Right's Anyways



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Dominic Perodeau Well that's saving Mother Earth 🌍 😊

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Lala Geronimo Really.

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Dominic Perodeau Lala Geronimo Yup a stinking cloud of burning plastic Pcb's and rubber that's in the air for our children to breath and settle on the soil where the food is grown - sure it made a point for a newspaper but it wounded our mother - might sound nuts but I'm English Pagan it's the same deal.

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Paul W Colburn Jr. Debbie Kingsbury
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Darlene King Idiots, nice way to solve problems.

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Karen Benedict I have questions too

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Charlotte King Sad sad sad. No dignity and there goes all credibility with the community.

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Dawniey Scott Cree Thank you! Thats exactly what I said! I understand people being upset, but things like this only reinforces the already too negative views of this beautiful community! People have worked so hard to highlight the amazing talent, artistry, and beauty of the culture here! And this ONE assinine act tears ALL of it down..... Smh...

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James Bobbish Charlotte King

Riots in cities do not tear that city down...down maybe but does not reflect a majority of the people

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Cory White Charlotte King you're so right

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Agnes Terrance Cities and villages are by no means an accurate comparison. SMH

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Tieff Tlewhwh There are always a few idiots who come out and do shit like this and it ruins it for everyone.

You say you are a Warrior...well there are certain principles you have the responsibility to uphold.....primary among them is PEACE. and dont forget, our ancestors buried the weapons of war so we must not fight amongst ourselves.

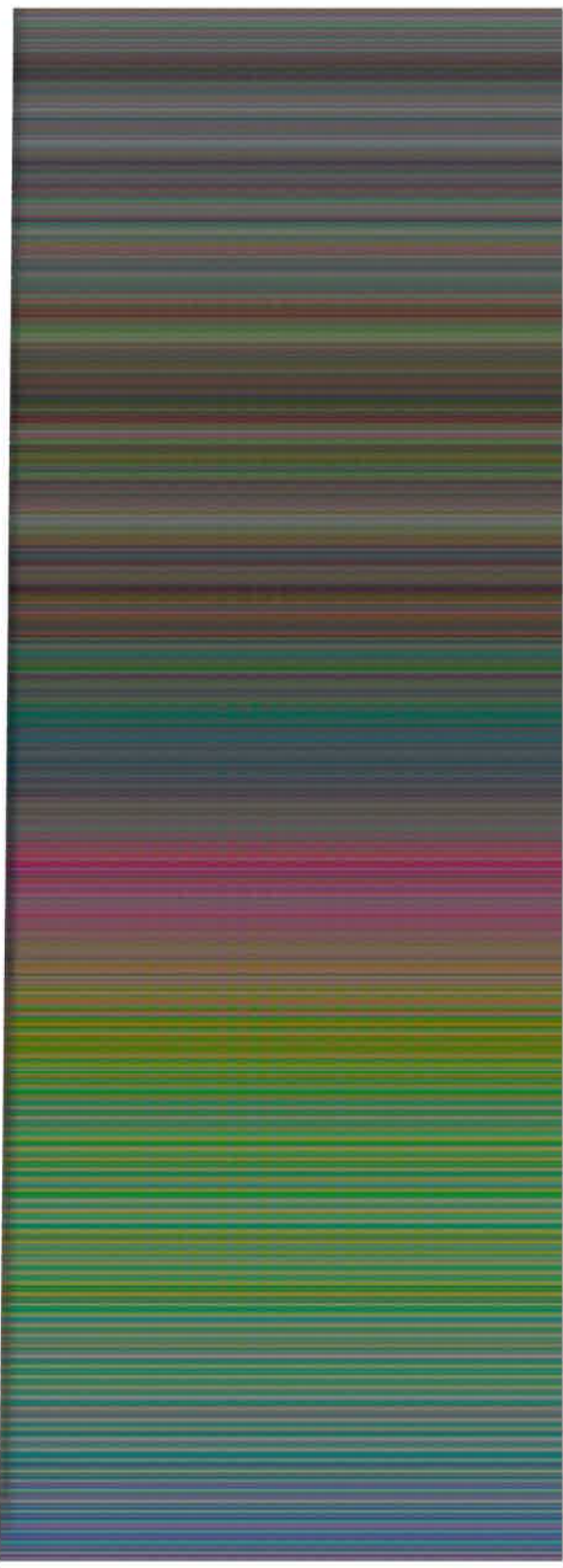
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Doug Flewelling This is over pot, please go back selling it the way you did. this pot thing is going to be bad all over

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Koo Ka Chew People can only be pushed so far..
If you have no clue what i am talking about....
Than you just have no clue.....See More

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Evelyn Lazore-King Koo Ka Chew I'm just going to steal this

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Courtney Marie Koo Ka Chew im stealing it too if you dont mind

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Christine Watson Why can't they just leave it alone..
It legal ish....

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Irving Cook MCA is upset they ain't getting a cut

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Denise Price Irving Cook nailed it

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Lazore Donna Irving Cook no that's not it at all. Have u seen the real reason? It's called safety we cant let people just sell their pounds they got from the barn next door, what if people mixed or added as little extra to the pounds? How would I know? I am a pot s...See More

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Irving Cook Lazore Donna that's exactly it tyendanaga has had dispensersys for some time and they grow their own weed out of the barn and they have some pretty good cannabis

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Melissa F Johnson MCA is not worried about a cut they are worried about SAFETY of the Weed, could be dirty or have spider eggs in it or mouldy or if it comes from kerasakas could be laced.

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Lazore Donna Irving Cook well I agree it should be regulated. I believe we should know where it comes from. These people are getting their pounds somewhere unknown and selling to us. I prefer to know. And I believe safety should be the main issue here

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Lazore Donna Irving Cook good for them I'm glad it works. But these people did not do that at all
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Lazore Donna It such a complicated issue. It should be all good once things are in set. Then smoke on hahaha let this part pass then on to the bigger issues

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Nick Iohahio Mccomber Irving Cook winner winner

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Veronica Jacobs Lazore Donna why worry about what the weed is mixed with, I think the bigger worry should be all the shit cocaine is being mixed with but it doesn't seem to bother anyone. Did you ever hear of anyone dying from weed od?

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Evan White Soooo are you worried about safety when buying from your normal "illegal" source

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Marlana Thompson Baker I'm worried about the safety of all the communities children when these store open legally and we have all this extra traffic - buying pot to get high - will they be driving , what about people who want it and cant pay - are they going to rob these store and put the cashiers in danger ? Community of safety people !

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Irving Cook If u want community safety maybe the police service should do their jobs and take real drugs off the streets

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Logan John-william Cree Marlana Thompson Baker ur talking about weed here not cocaine I don't think anyone friends for weed enough to rob a store for it Imao

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Marlana Thompson Baker Logan John-william Cree they could rob the store of there money - watch the news its happened off reserve

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Maurice Linda Fazio Then there shouldn't be any cigarette sales either. Those cigarette shack get robbed so much, they have to hire their own security. This has nothing to do with safety. It's all about greed rearing it's ugly head. It looks like the MCA wants the pos...See More

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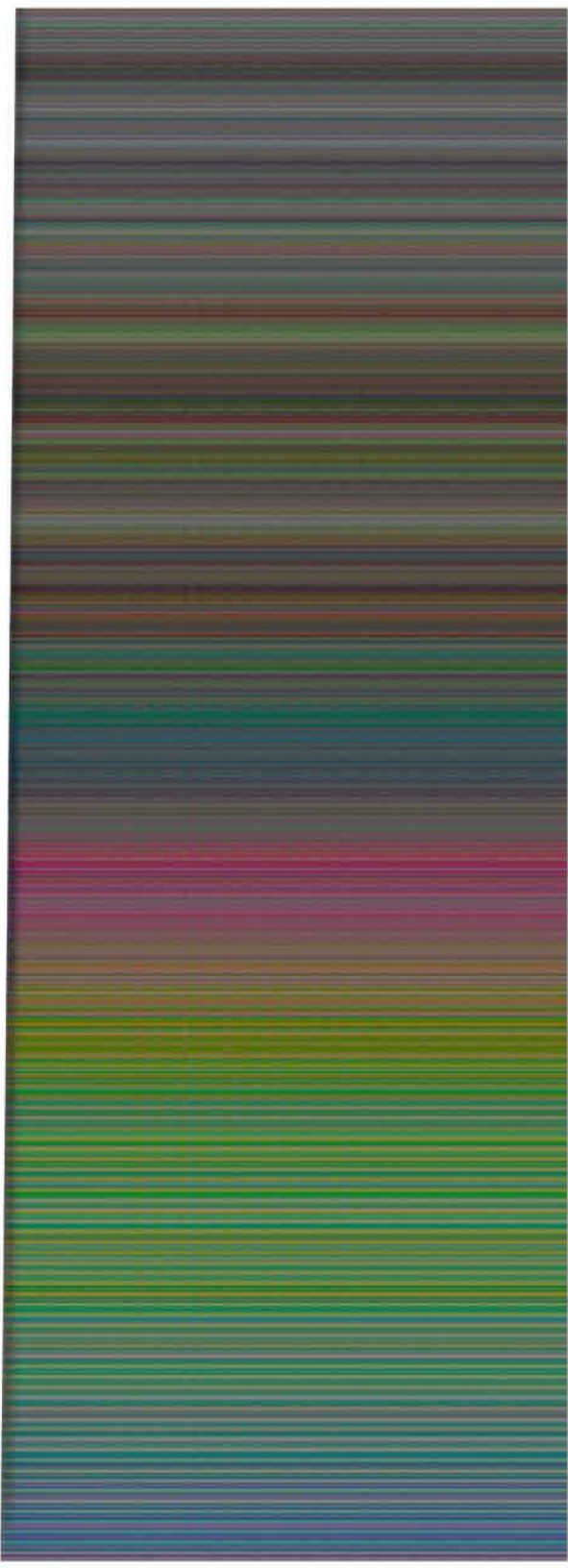
Maurice Linda Fazio Melissa F Johnson, if they're just worried about safety, then why don't they just put up a free testing site for all to test, along with a non counterfeitable stamp that shows that it's been tested before they can sell. No? Because they really only c...See More

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Melissa F Johnson All that commotion over fucken weed, what a shame, fighting against your own people over fucken weed.

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Neena Miller Exactly what I said..smh 😏

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Maurice Linda Fazio It's not about arguing about weed. It's arguing about greed and who is in control of all the money that Cannabis sales make. I say, as long as it's all tested safe, then let them all do business. Just because the MCA hooked up with 7 leaf, doesn't ...See More

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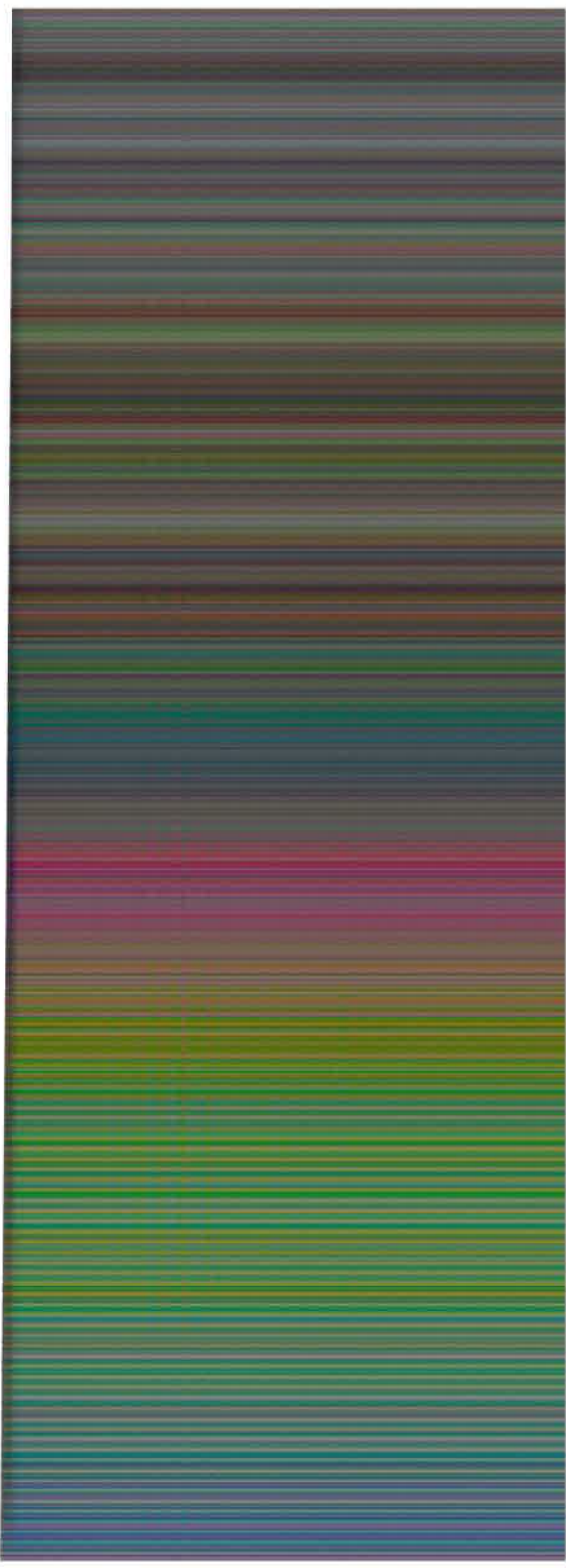
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Tehonronhiathe Day funny when you step back and look at it. really it's a plant with medical properties and the money that surrounds it!! if people want it just grow it save your money and the political BS.

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Kayenderes DO DA MA Oh that where my car went to. and burned up all my Pot also.....crap A-gees U guys!.....

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Lindsay Leaf I'm glad some people think this is funny, I don't see anything funny about this or about anything that's going on.

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While I make some before the Board in the matter of damage done to his property on Duane St by flood water on Thursday last week. He was informed that the Dept of Public Works would investigate and learn what could be done in the way of repairs.

Also Shotlens of Howard Ave came before the Board asking that sidewalks might be ordered laid from the end of the present walk to the line of his property. He was requested to send formal complaint in writing and the matter will again be taken up.

Applications for building permits were received from the following persons

W D Connor	35 Mulwauke St	Garage
Baptist Church	500 10 West St	do
Allen John	120 Academy	do
Robert Young	130 Front St	Old door garage and refitting it
Joe Bora	60 Jackson St	Garage
Joseph Cohen	33 Gravelle	Cellar in house
W A Murray	18 Gray	Porch and raising of plane
Wm Miller	67 Pearl St	Porch
Dr Charles Katsberg	170 East Main	Apartment by refitting and repairs of stairs

William Friedman	413 Grand	Oriel
Joseph Barber	39 Rennie	do
Ernest John Dolan	40 Clark	Shed
Mustard Jamin	139 Collins	do

An motion by Clark seconded by Elliott, a vote was carried there application was granted.

Application for cement sidewalk was received from Joseph J Elliot Hyatt Ave. An motion by Elliot seconded, a vote was carried, the application was referred to the street committee.

Application for license to operate our horse truck and Auto truck were received from the following persons

Henry Liffman	One horse truck
George Mueller	do
John A Kelly	Auto truck

All motion by Elliot seconded by Sawyer, a vote was carried, these licenses were granted.

A letter was received from A Purdy Electric Supervisor from the New York State Waterworks Rating Association, calling attention to violation of the Electric Ordinance in the village. The clerk was instructed to write Mr Purdy inviting him to attend the next meeting of the Board, May 10th and explain the violation in detail.

Le Van Duane, West St, asked permission to build a canal of 6" pipe. An motion by Sawyer seconded by Clark Elliot was carried, authority

to buy the pipe were granted.

The motion duly recorded, which was carried. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Malone, N. Y., at a meeting this day held, do hereby pledge the credit and faith of the said Village of Malone, N. Y. for the faithful payment of the sum of Six Thousand Dollars to be credited to the General fund, borrowed by the said Village, pursuant to Section 128 of the Village Law, for the meeting of current expenses of the said Village, in anticipation of taxes to be levied and collected during the current fiscal year, for propositions duly voted on and carried and for estimated expenses, from the Farmers National Bank of Malone, N. Y., and that we hereby direct, authorize and empower the President of this Board, for and in our stead to make, execute, sign and deliver said certificate to the Farmers National Bank of Malone, N. Y.

The motion duly recorded, which was carried
The following notice was ordered published
15 days.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing in relation to Building Zones for the Village of Malone, Franklin County, New York, will be held at the Village Office located over the Fire Department on Pearl Street in said Village on the 14th day of May, 1926, at eight o'clock, P. M.; at which time an opportunity will be given to all parties in interest and citizens to be heard.

Dated at Malone, N. Y., April 26th, 1926.

Malone Village Board of Trustees.

The motion by Mayor seconded by Liddo,
which was carried
The following rules governing the police
department were adopted:

April 26, 2019

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To: Police Officer Brian Smith

Re: Notice of Charges

In accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the Civil Service Law, and the provisions of Village of Malone's Duties and Rules of Conduct, you are hereby notified that the following disciplinary charges are being preferred against you.

Charge 1 – Misconduct - Violation of the Rules of Conduct

10.1.1 - Conduct which brings discredit upon the Department.

Specification:

To Wit: On or about February 23, 2019, you did make a racial derogatory and inflammatory post to the Facebook page of the Akwesasne Today. Specifically, in response to a story posted to the Facebook page about a protest on the Canadian side of the reservation, you wrote "Savages" and then below comments questioning this comment you wrote "Bahahahahah". The comments were inflammatory and derogatory as they were posted on the tribal television Facebook page in response to a situation on the reservation. This activity brought discredit and disrepute not only on you as a police officer but on the Village of Malone Police Department.

Charge II – Misconduct - Violation of the Rules of Conduct

10.1.17 – Using coarse, profane or insolent language to any person

Specification:

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Charge III – Misconduct - Violation of the Rules of Conduct

10.1.18 – Failure to treat any person civilly and respectfully

Specification:

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Charge IV – Misconduct - Violation of the Rules of Conduct

10.1.19 – Willful maltreatment of any person

Specification:

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Charge V. – Misconduct – Violation of Social Media Policy

Social Media Policy (C) (2)

Employees shall not post any material on the internet that brings discredit to, or may adversely affect the efficiency or integrity of this Department.

Specification:

To Wit: On or about February 23, 2019, you did make a racial, derogatory and inflammatory post to the Facebook page of the Akwesasne Today. Specifically, in response to a story posted to the Facebook page about a protest on the Canadian side of the reservation, you wrote “Savages” and then below comments questioning this comment you wrote “Bahahahahah”. The comments were inflammatory and derogatory as they were posted on the tribal television Facebook page in response to a situation on the reservation. This activity brought discredit and disrepute not only on you as a police officer but on the Village of Malone Police Department. It negatively impacts the integrity of the Department with the Tribal Nation and impacts this Department's ability to effectively carry out its duties.

Charge VI – Misconduct – Violation of Social Media Policy

Social Media Policy (C) (3)

Employees should consider the possible adverse consequences of internet posting, such as future employment, cross examination in court cases, and public as well as private embarrassment.

Specification:

To Wit: On or about February 23, 2019, you did make a racial derogatory and inflammatory post to the Facebook page of the Akwesasne Today. Specifically, in response to a story posted to the Facebook page about a protest on the Canadian side of the reservation, you wrote “Savages” and then below comments questioning this comment you wrote “Bahahahahah”. The comments were inflammatory and derogatory as posted on the tribal television Facebook page in response to a situation on the reservation. This activity brought discredit and disrepute not only on you as a police officer but on the Village of Malone Police Department. This comment may also create future problems if you are involved in an arrest of a member of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne or the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and may negatively impact any police action involving the sovereign nation, all in violation of the Social Media Policy.

Charge VII – Misconduct – Violation of Social Media Policy

Social Media Policy (C) (4)

Employees are reminded to exercise good judgment and demonstrate personal accountability when choosing to participate on social networking sites.

Specification:

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Charge VIII- Conduct unbecoming of an Officer

Specification 1:

To Wit: On or about February 23, 2019, you did make a racial derogatory and inflammatory post to the Facebook page of the Akwesasne Today. Specifically, in response to a story posted

to the Facebook page about a protest on the Canadian side of the reservation, you wrote “Savages” and then below comments questioning this comment you wrote “Bahahahahah”. The comments were inflammatory and derogatory as they were posted on the tribal television Facebook page in response to a situation on the reservation. This activity brought discredit and disrepute not only on you as a police officer but on the Village of Malone Police Department. Your actions have impacted the Department’s credibility and reputation with the Mohawk nation.

Specification 2:

Your conduct is a violation of the following Rules of Conduct, 10.1.1, 10.1.17, 10.1.18, 10.1.19 and the constitute conduct unbecoming an officer. These actions brought discredit upon you as a police officer of the Malone Police Department and upon the Police Department as a whole. Your conduct impacts not only your credibility as a police officer but impacts the Malone Police Department’s credibility when dealing with the tribal nation. These actions may also impede the District Attorney’s ability to obtain convictions on arrests that you have made, or may make in the future, and have negatively impacted the reputation of the Malone Police Department

Specification 3:

Your conduct is a violation of the Social Media Policy as set forth in Charges V, VI, and VII. By posting the comments that you did, you engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer. You have negatively impacted any future arrests or investigation of incidents that may involve tribal members, as your comments will call into question your integrity, your potential bias, and result in possible use of these comments to discredit any future arrests made by you and/or the Malone Police Department.

Charge VI – Incompetence

Specification 1:

To Wit: On or about February 23, 2019, you did make a racial derogatory and inflammatory post to the Facebook page of the Akwesasne Today. Specifically, in response to a story posted to the Facebook page about a protest on the Canadian side of the reservation, you wrote “Savages” and then below comments questioning this comment you wrote “Bahahahahah”. The comments were inflammatory and derogatory as they were posted on the tribal television Facebook page in response to a situation on the reservation. This conduct demonstrates extreme incompetence. Whether on or off duty, you are required to behave in a manner that does not discredit the Police Department. This activity brought discredit and disrepute not only on you as a police officer but on the Village of Malone Police Department. This conduct calls into question the Department’s credibility, unbiased character and integrity with the tribal nation.

Specification 2:

Your conduct is a violation of the following Rules of Conduct; 10.1.1, 10.1.17, 10.1.18, 10.1.19 and constitutes incompetence as you are required to comply with these regulations whether on or off duty. These actions brought discredit upon you as a police officer of the Malone Police Department and upon the Police Department as a whole. These actions may impede the District Attorney's ability to obtain convictions on arrests that you have made and have negatively impacted the reputation of the Malone Police Department.

Specification 3:

Your conduct is a violation of the Social Media Policy as set forth in Charges V, VI, and VII. By posting the comments that you did, you have negatively impacted any future arrests of tribal members as your comments will call into question your integrity, your potential bias, and result in possible use of these comments to discredit any future arrests made by you and/or the Malone Police Department.

PROPOSED PENALTY

Based upon the seriousness of the charges, I am ordering that you be suspended without pay prior to hearing for a period of thirty (30) days effective immediately, pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

If you are found guilty of the above Charges, you may be reprimanded, fined not more than \$100, suspended without pay for up to two (2) months, demoted in grade or title, or dismissed from service. At the hearing, the Village will recommend that the hearing officer find you guilty of the Charges, and recommend a penalty of Termination.

Under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law, you are allowed eight (8) days from the date of receipt of the Charges and specifications to make and file your answer in writing to this Charge. Such answer should be addressed to the undersigned, but sent to:

Village of Malone
Police Department
Attn: Chief Premo
2 Police Plaza
Malone, NY 12953

This written answer must be received at or before four o'clock in the afternoon on or before the eighth day after receipt.

You are entitled to a hearing on the above charges and to be represented by an attorney or a representative. You should be prepared at such hearing to present any witnesses and other proof as you may have in your defense against this charge. The Village will use any and all records in its possession for the purpose of demonstrating your guilt in the above referenced Charges. Such hearing will be held on May 15, 2019, commencing at 10:00 am at Malone Village Hall. The

hearing will be conducted by David Demarest, who has been duly designated for that purpose in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law.

All further notices and communications addressed to you in connection with these Charges will be mailed to your latest address on record in the Village's Personnel Department, unless you request in writing that the same be sent to you at a different address.

Village of Malone

By: Chris Preno

Chris Preno
Police Chief

Village of Malone Police Department

Cc: File
Village Board

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the Village Office on the 28th day of February, 1938, there were present:

William W. Clark

Mayor Pro Tem

William N. Henry)

Joseph E. Forkey)

Alfred G. Plumadore)

Trustees

Ralph J. Cardinal

Absent

Mayor

The minutes of the last regular meeting of February 14th, were read and approved.

On motion by Trustee Henry and seconded by Trustee Plumadore, which was carried, a resolution was adopted to pay the following bills as audited:

PAYROLLS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING:

February 18th, 1938	Fire	\$150.60
	Police	233.90
	Street	382.30
	Special	8.00
	Sewer	86.00
	Water	102.76
	Fire	160.50
February 25th, 1938	Police	233.90
	Street	251.90
	Special	16.00
	Sewer	75.60
	Water	132.76
	General	78.75
February 28th, 1938	Expense or bearer	
	Syracuse Blue Print Co.	11.94
	H. R. Glazier	1.54
	M. W. Plumb	35.00
	"	31.50
	Fire	35.00
	Street	15.00
	Fire	7.50
	"	100.20
	Rink	13.91
	Police	2.62
	"	662.25
	Street	1.43
	"	19.00
	"	67.76
	"	2.41
	Street	28.90
	"	8.15
	"	17.85
	Sewer	18.50
	Water	4.75
	Expense or bearer	
	Malone Ice & Coal Co.	
	Eureka Fire Hose Co.	
	Lorin Brooks	
	L. H. Willson	
	J. W. Coughlin	
	Good Roads Machinery Co.	
	The Texas Co.	
	Standard Oil of New York	
	C. R. Truchean	
	Malone Ice & Coal Co.	
	Prue's Boot Shop	
	Aldredge & Mason	
	Simplex Valve & Meter Co.	
	Expense or bearer	

Harry Traverser of the Adirondack Junk Company came before the Board, asking for an extension of time in which to pay the license fee. Mr. Traverser was informed that this fee would have to be paid within the next forty-eight (48) hours.

February 28th, 1938

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The matter of the hours that the polls will be open was brought up and the following resolution was offered by Trustee Henry, and seconded by Trustee Forkey, ELECTION

RESOLVED that the annual Village Election of the Village of Malone, will be held in the Malone Fire Department Building, 19 Pearl Street on March 15th, as provided in the General Village Law, that the polls be open from 11 A.M. and remain open until 8 P.M.

The resolution was duly put to a vote with the following results, Ayes 3 Noes 0.

The matter of establishing a Police Department ~~at~~ 188 a POLICE UNDER of the General Village Law, was brought up and the following resolution was offered by Trustee Plumbadore and seconded by Trustee Henry, CIVIL SERVICE

RESOLVED that the Village of Malone, New York, hereby establish a Police Department in accordance with Section 188A of the Village Law of the State of New York.

The resolution was duly put to a vote with the following result; Ayes 3 Noes 0.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Forkey, and seconded by Trustee Henry, POLICE SALARIES

RESOLVED that the salary of the Chief of Police be \$32.50 per week; that of the Assistant Chief be \$27.20 per week and that of the policemen to be \$25.20.

The resolution was duly put to a vote with the following result, Ayes 3 Noes 0.

No further business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

cc Robert Plumbadore
CLERK

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GRIEVANCE

This grievance is submitted by Teamsters Local 687 ["Union"] on behalf of Malone Police Officer Brian Smith. We consider it Step One, notwithstanding that it is reduced to writing.

On April 26, 2019, the Village of Malone ["Village"] served Officer Smith with a Notice of Charges related to, *inter alia*, a Facebook posting he made on or about February 23, 2019. The Notice advises Officer Smith of his right to a Civil Service Law, §75 hearing, states when his answer is due and sets a Civil Service Law §75 hearing date of May 15, 2019.

By means of this grievance, the Union and Officer Smith:

A. Assert any discipline must be resolved through Article Twenty Three - Grievance Procedure - in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and Village. Specifically therein a grievance is defined as including "disciplinary action."

B. Deny there is just cause to discipline Officer Smith.

As a remedy, the Union and Officer Smith seek dismissal/withdrawal of the Notice of Charges and reinstatement to active duty, with full make whole relief.

We are willing to go through the steps of the grievance procedure, but also open to proceeding directly to arbitration, as the Village wants. Please advise.

Business Agent

Brian K. Hammond

Grievant

B. M. Smith
5/2/19

Christopher Reagan
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Village of Malone
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Malone, New York 12953-1601
(518) 483-2424
(518) 483-2426 fax

Christopher Premo
Chief of Police

Chief Premo,

On 7/17/2018 I was working with dispatcher Smith and Sgt. Smith. At 2:14 PM, dispatcher Smith started a shoplifting incident in SJS and I was added to the assignments tab. I do not recall being advised of the complaint. On 3/20/2019, the complaint was brought to my attention after an inquiry was made by the reporting party. I reviewed the incident and located a deposition from Jon Hickey and a video surveillance CD in Sgt. Smith's working folder.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pti William Andre".

Pti William Andre



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Christopher Premo
Chief of Police

Chief Premo,

Sgt. Crawford asked me to review SJS 73752, which is dated 2/7/2019. Same is a tax fraud case that was started by dispatcher Fitzpatrick and the person reporting was Stacey Brunell. I informed Sgt. Crawford that I have no information on the complaint. Dispatcher Fitzpatrick told me that Sgt. Smith spoke Stacey on the phone.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ptl William Andre".

Ptl William Andre



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Chiefpremo@malonepd.com

January 7, 2019

Every officer is required to read the rules and regulations. You have until January 31, 2019 to do so. Please sign below stating you have read them.

Chris Premo

Sgt. Brian Smith _____

Sgt. Robert Fountain _____

Sgt. Sloan Bolster _____

Sgt. Michael Crawford _____

Officer Brian Miller _____

Officer Nate Preve _____

Officer William Martin _____

Officer William Andre _____

Officer Nick Hebert _____

Officer Greg Pecore _____

Officer Mark Smith _____

Officer Ashley Hotaling _____

Officer Anthony Barcomb _____



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District Attorney

April 1, 2019

VIA 1st CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL

Chief Christopher Premo
MALONE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2 Park Place
Malone, New York 12953

RE: Sgt. Brian Smith
Personnel Complaint

Dear Chief Premo:

This purpose of this letter is to respond to your inquiry regarding the impact of Sgt. Brian Smith's current personnel complaint on his ability to testify in future criminal proceedings involving our office.

First, pursuant our *Brady/Giglio* obligations, our office is required to disclose to a defendant's attorney any issues that may affect a witnesses' credibility, which includes, among other things, criminal convictions and disciplinary matters. Thus, moving forward, in cases involving Sgt. Smith as a witness, our office would be required to disclose the facts involving Sgt. Smith's current disciplinary action.

Second, although the disciplinary matter does not preclude Sgt. Smith from being called as a witness in a criminal proceeding, it would be in the best interest of our office not to call him as a witness based on the allegations involved in the disciplinary action. The allegations contained in the personnel complaint would undoubtedly be the subject of extensive cross examination by a defense attorney to attack the credibility of Sgt. Smith and the entire investigation at issue in the proceeding.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

CPC/dm
Enclosure

Very truly yours,

Craig P. Carriero

☐ Watertown

☐ Ogdensburg

☐ Massena

☐ Lowville

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Bigotry on display: Malone police sergeant perpetuated stereotype with comment

PUBLISHED: TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 AT 5:15 AM

The Malone Police Department acted appropriately in placing one of its sergeants on administrative leave as a result of an inflammatory comment he made on social media.

Sgt. Brian Smith demeaned protesters in the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation on the Facebook page for Akwesasne TV more than a week ago. The comment appeared on a thread for a story regarding a violent encounter between demonstrators and Akwesasne Mohawk police.

On Feb. 22, Mohawk officers raided a recreational cannabis dispensary on Cornwall Island for the second time in a month. This portion of the Akwesasne territory is on the Canadian side of the border, and protests followed the raid.

Some of the demonstrators stole an Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services SUV and burned it on an international ice bridge. Mr. Smith wrote "Savages!!" on the thread of comments.

His derogatory statement was challenged by other commenters. Someone identified as Jonathan Lazore wrote: "This is the racist comment from a Malone police sergeant Brian Smith on the Akwesasne tv need feed SHARE AWAY." Someone identified as Brandon Gambill posted a screenshot of Mr. Smith's comment and wrote: "Protecting Malone from 'savages' are we? Great to know this is who is protecting your loved ones in Malone"

Malone Police Chief Christopher Premo confirmed that Mr. Smith has been placed on administrative leave. In a telephone interview with the Malone Telegram, he said the department takes this incident very seriously.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe issued this statement: "Social media should provide individuals, particularly our community members, with the ability to comment on an internal community matter in an open, safe and respectful manner. We continue to promote and encourage positive dialogue from everyone and expect the same from outside professional law enforcement officials. As a result, we find the police officer's comment to be racist and uncharacteristic of the highest professionalism and positive image that we support from all law enforcement. We demand a formal apology and that this situation be used as a learning experience on the ongoing contributions and progress we continue to provide in making the north country a better place for everyone."

Mr. Smith's comment was indeed bigoted and foolish. Particularly as a representative of a municipal agency, he needs to exercise discretion in choosing his words in reacting to any situation. He put his department in a bad light.



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His use of the word "savages" perpetuates a horrible stereotype used to belittle indigenous people and discriminate against them. Our nation has a tragic history of brutality against native individuals, and applying this label to them keeps this atrocious mindset alive.

Mr. Smith's behavior does nothing to improve relations between members of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and non-native residents of the north country. The Malone Police Department took the right step to try to limit the harm caused.

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Sat 11:31 AM


Tekawerakwa

I would like to inform you one of your sergeants referred to native americans as savages, I will provide a screenshot as proof but is there anything that can be done about this? Or does the malone police department condone racism and having racist officers on their police force?


Brian Smith
Savages!!

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Maryjane Collette Lazare
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12m Like Reply 

Write a comment...



Sat 2:15 PM



Tekawerakwa

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Malone Police Department

Thank you for passing along. We are aware and the Chief of Police will be investigating upon his return to work.



Tekawerakwa

Thank you. i'd also like to mention that it was under akwesasne tvs post, and the comment has since been deleted. But if you look in the comments on the post you will see someone asking where his comment went. Please keep me updated.

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Beverly Wilkie
Brian Smith, you're a
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Write a reply...

1 reply

Hi this is what your Sargent thinks of us natives

You can find the tread in the Akwesasne tv post of last nights events here on our reserve

I hope this will be addressed with the racist person in your police force

Sat 2:34 PM

Malone Police Department

Thank you for passing along. We are aware and the Chief of Police will be investigating upon his return to work.



Jonathan

Ty

10:41 AM



Jonathan

Good morning, I was wondering if there was any update on the racist remark from you police

Sargent, ty

Malone Police Department

Could you please call me at 518-483-2424? Ask for Chief Premo.

Sent by Chris Premo



Jonathan

Ok in a few mins on my break

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Jonathan Lazore

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Lani Neff

This is how we get distracted. My opinion, we need to focus more on fixing our own affairs, our own "house" rather than putting more energy into focusing on who else is at fault from the outside. How do we fix us??

Like · Reply · 1d

Wendy Ionkiats Wif

Like · Reply · 1d

Kateri Pyke

History repeating itself... it's 30 years ago all over again.... division among our people over something that needs to be regulated.... and the outside is going to continually comment negatively until we act like we should... I bet they (the outsiders) don't mind the money they receive from the regulated casino..... money they didn't earn, we just give....

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Maryjane Collette Lazare
Unassigned

Sat 12:02 PM



Maryjane

Just wondering is this how you allow all your Sergeants to behave on Public media forums??

Sat 2:34 PM

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Kevin Lazore
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Maryjane Collette Lazare
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Kanerahaniontha Louise
Unassigned

Sat 12:13 PM



Kanerahaniontha

Really? I know my community has its issues, believe me it's frustrating but that does not give a Sargent in your force the right to post this. Especially someone who issued
Oops

Someone who is supposed to be partial and represent the police force

51 mins Like Reply More



Brian Smith
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Kevin

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Like is this guy actually a sergeant too ?

Like I feel threaten by that comment
And I'm pretty I'm in my rights the first amendment to sue yous the town of Malone for hate
speech
Malone Police Department
This is being addressed by the Chief of Police already.



Conrad

Alright thanks but the rural law center will be getting In touch with yous about what and why
I'm suing the town of Malone for hate speech and slandering against a religion and a race
Thanks for your time



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I'm thinking you saw this already. I'm hoping.
Malone Police Department
Yes and it is being addressed.



Jill

Thank u so much.
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Sat 6:30 PM



Noah

I hope you are aware of Sgt. Brian Smith's racist comment on a Facebook page. If not, you soon will be.

I have screen shots

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Yes I am fully aware of his comment and it is being addressed. Appreciate your concern, Chief
Preno



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Complaint on Brian Smith

AS April Seymour <apeseymour@gmail.com>

Reply all |

Today, 11:45 AM
Chief Chris Premo

Hello/She:kon,
I am writing in regards about my deep concerns with Sergeant Brain Smiths' racist comment he made on Akwesasne TV's news article about a peaceful protest turning violent. I completely understand the frustration that comes with seeing news that some people have stolen and destroyed a police vehicle, trust me, I am living it; this is my community! We are all dealing with the issues and the actions of a few do not define a community.
Brian Smith commented, "Savages!!!" on the post.
That left me speechless for some time. I went to look up the dictionary term and this is what I came up with: a brutal or viscous person as a noun and attack ferociously and maul as a verb. Ok, so those terms could be used in general to describe anything and could be used in a non-racist way, however, I think Malone is too close in proximity to not understand that the word has been used in a derogatory way towards our people here for the last hundreds of years? And what is baffling is that a Sergeant who most likely works closely with our Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police would make such a comment. His role I would assume would be to protect and serve all races and colors. How can he carry out that duty if he thinks that all Mohawks are savages?!

I am sorry if I flooded your voicemail with upset community members but what is right is what is right. I have taught my children that people cannot just say whatever they want and act like it's ok, especially in this political nightmare we live in. It is very sad for children to have to wonder if they will be targeted by racism.

Brian's wife began to chime in and defend his comment, but I just let her say whatever she wanted to, there is no arguing when one thinks they can justify another meaning of a word like that.

I hope that he does not have to work with any community members or have any role in making decisions for community members because he does not have any respect for all.

I also hope that he does not retaliate against me in any way.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me or call me back.

Peace/Skennen,

April Seymour
Akwesasne community member
518-651-7985
358-9659 work

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Tracy Jacobs <tracy70jacobs@gmail.com>
Today, 1:18 PM
Chief Chris Premo

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Good afternoon Chief Premo,

I want to officially log a complaint about Sergeant Brian Smith and a simple comment that he posted online on the Akwesasne Tv facebook page concerning recent events in our community. Our community, like many has it's issues and problems but I for one still try to find the best in it. I am used to hearing and seeing many comments online and in person about my people and my community and I deal with it, in a proper and hopefully positive manner most times but some things do cross the line. Mr. Smith crossed that line when he used the word "savages" to describe our people in an online forum.

As a member of the police department he has certain standards to uphold and although he is allowed to have his own personal opinion, he is not allowed to share those opinions online or in a public manner because of the oath he took when he became an officer of the law. His standard and ethics changed and are held to a higher degree than someone in the general public.

I go to Malone at various times, I spend my hard earned money in that community and I don't want to have to worry that if needed, I end up having to deal with an officer like Mr. Smith. I would worry about the treatment I would receive from someone with such a public opinion to call me a "savage." It is wrong and it is unacceptable.

This stands as my official complaint and I would hope that your department deals with it appropriately, I do appreciate your help up to this point about getting the complaint submitted. Mr. Smith needs to under go some cultural sensitivity training for sure, not only in dealing with the Native population nearby but the increasing diversity in this country overall. I am attaching his comment as I found it on facebook.

I would like to be notified of any action taken to correct this behavior, if allowed so I know that my complaint has been followed up on.

I can be reached at tracy70jacobs@gmail.com or 617-460-6321.

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Thank you/Nia:wen,
Tracy Jacobs

Re: Complaint

CP Chief Chris Premo

Today, 1:56 PM

Nolan Jacobs <tekaronhiakha@gmail.com>; Joe Ricco <mayor@villag

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I can assure you this matter is being taken very seriously and it will be dealt with appropriately.
Thank you for the e mail.

Chief Christopher J. Premo
Village of Malone Police Department
2 Police Plaza
Malone, New York 12953
518-483-2424

From: Nolan Jacobs <tekaronhiakha@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 1:43:00 PM

To: Chief Chris Premo

Subject: Complaint

Good Morning Chief Premo,

The purpose of this email is to lodge a formal complaint against officer Brian Smith of the Malone Police Department. On Feb 23rd, I viewed a screen shot of a racially derogatory comment he posted on social media (Facebook) directed towards Native Americans. The comment was posted in response to an Akwesasne Tv news media report about an incident that occurred on the reservation wherein a police cruiser was stolen and set ablaze on the Canadian portion of the territory. Though I do not condone these unfortunate actions it does not excuse Officer Smith's comment of: "Savages!!". When a youth from the community objected to Officer Smith's post his only reply was: "Bahahaha". He then referenced Webster's Dictionary in an attempt to defend his comments as an attack on the actions of the perpetrators and not Native Americans, in general.

Frankly, Officer Smith's lame attempt to explain his comments is highly offensive to me and my community, particularly the elders who have endured decades of mistreatment from outside law enforcement and governments. If elementary aged school children can comprehend the negative history associated with that word then I would expect a man in charge of protecting citizens to be more sympathetic and understanding. I find it extremely unlikely that Officer Smith isn't aware of the wholesale Native subjugation and extermination associated with that word.

This type of blatantly racist behavior has been happening for hundreds of years, so it is not surprising but still highly unsettling and hurtful. My children have been going to Malone for

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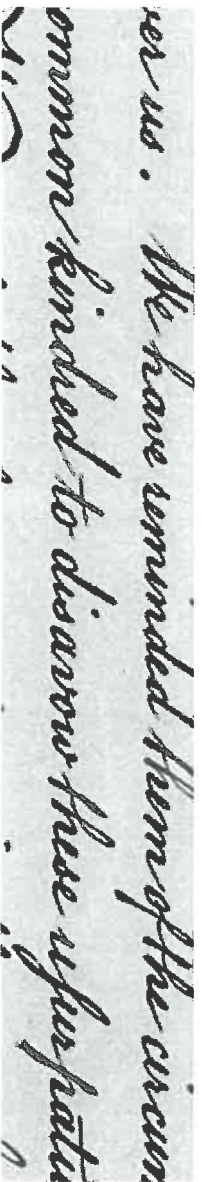
several years for baseball, and have always had wonderful experiences. It is alarming to me that someone like Officer Smith's could one day be in charge of their protection. Respectfully, I expect Officer Smith to be held accountable for his actions and immediate administrative action to be taken against him because his comments were at best an example of extreme ignorance and at worst overt racism. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Nolan Jacobs

But more importantly, before that, it was used to dehumanize Indigenous peoples and to advance and normalize their erasure from this land.

Thomas Jefferson wrote about the “merciless Indian savages” and thought it the duty of the government to “pursue them to extermination.” He was the first president to propose policies of forced assimilation and forced removal, which violently displaced Indigenous peoples from their lands across America. He called the West “the crowded wilderness,” a term that suggests he acknowledged the fact that the land was settled, but not that it belonged to someone else. The language Jefferson used was important, as language tends to be, since it allowed the government to spin a narrative that would influence violent expansion westward, which continues to affect Indigenous lives to this day.

Our Government will, by declaring us out of the
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in the most barbarous ages, and lethally murder
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rulers of a free people. Nor have we been un



Since Jefferson’s days, “savage” has been used repeatedly as a mechanism of oppression. Several U.S. Supreme Court cases have directly or indirectly referred to Indigenous peoples as savages in order to deny them equal rights. Les Couchi, a member of the Nipissing First Nation, recently pored through the *Toronto Star*’s archives and noted the abundance of “language that depicted the Indigenous community as savage, unruly, drunk and lazy” that “reinforced the racist attitudes in the social system.”



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“Savage” also played a key role in the perpetuation of boarding schools, which were constructed to eradicate the language, customs, beliefs, and bonds of Indigenous peoples. In 1879, Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada’s first Prime Minister, commissioned a study of these boarding schools, arguing that:


“When the school is on the reserve the child lives with its parents, who are savages; he is surrounded by savages, and though he may learn to read and write his habits, and training and mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write ... [T]he Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from the parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men.”

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 The repeated use of the word “savage” in this statement—and the dehumanized way with which Macdonald refers to the children—are very much related.

Residential/boarding schools were designed and used to destroy “the structures and practices that allow [a] group to continue as a group,” which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada* defines as cultural genocide. This narrative of the “savages”—often coupled with that of the “noble savage,” which fetishized the “freedom” of Indigenous peoples while simultaneously seeking to take it away—was used as fuel for this cultural genocide. The last federally run residential school closed in 1996. The effects are ongoing.

“Savage” is a colonialist term that has, in effect, been used for centuries to cast Indigenous peoples as less than human in order to make it easier to justify abuses against them. Today, when we use the word so flippantly—often in the context of “funny” social-media memes or blithe clickbait stories—we say we either don’t know or don’t care about the word’s historic relationship with ignorance and erasure, violence and hate.

More troublingly still, this flippancy seems rooted in a long-standing ignorance about what colonialism has done to these communities. ^{0 Shares} **f**  Dr. Susan D. Dion has written and spoken about teachers adopting the position of the “perfect stranger,” which allows them to essentially say they don’t know enough about Indigenous peoples to challenge dangerous narratives about them to students. In my own experience teaching, I’ve found that many teachers teach as if they don’t know a single Indigenous person, so when it comes to teaching about these communities, they’re quite comfortable adopting a “perfect stranger” position.

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This position is not, of course, exclusive just to teachers. Many people, in many fields, act as “perfect strangers,” preferring willful ignorance to confronting an ugly history of abuse, and the privileges we hold as treaty people living on stolen land.

Every time “savage” is used without consideration for its ⁰ unique connection to the oppression of Indigenous peoples, ^{Shares} we cling more tightly to this ignorance, looking the other way on a history we would rather not face. But for equality to be achieved, we *must* face it.

So the next time you hear or see someone casually use the word “savage,” take the chance to deny them the position of “perfect stranger.” Ask them to think about how “savage” has been employed to hurt Indigenous peoples for centuries. Ask them to think about the impacts of colonialist brutality.

Then ask them to simply consider using a different word instead.

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result of his apparent Facebook remarks.

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By FRANK DIFIORE

fdifiore@mttelegram.com

Mostly sunny, not as cold

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reportedly arrested some of the proprietors, according to the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder. In the screenshot, a "Brian Smith" posted the comment "Savages!!" under the article; when another commenter asks "are you serious???", the Smith profile replies "Bahaha."

Stefanik

From Al

coalition. "It's ridiculous; I'm a proud Republican," Ms. Stefanik said. "I support limited government, I support the Constitution, I support economic situation, I support economic

Ms. Stefanik is also looking to the future, and has co-sponsored a bill to avert government shutdowns altogether. The proposal, H.R. 622, was introduced Jan. 16. Instead of shutting down the government when one appropriation bill expires, the bill would allow continued funding at 95 percent of the previous year's appropriation level for 60 days, automatically continuing every 60 days at 2 percent less funding. "This is about fixing the institution," Ms. Stefanik said. "I am trying to be a leading voice on this bill."

Ms. Stefanik is one of 10 co-sponsors, all Republicans, and she is not overly optimistic that the bill will be passed. "I am concerned we're not getting enough support from our Democratic colleagues," she said. Democratic House leadership did not immediately return a request for comment on the lack of Democratic support for the bill.

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Police

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well as questioning the legitimacy of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne — was different than an alleged case of a law enforcement officer demonstrating animosity towards a group of people with whom he would regularly come in contact. Several commenters also shared the contact information for the Malone Village Police Department, saying that they would be contacting the department regarding Smith's comment.

While Lazore's comment notes a "Brian Smith," the Akwesasne Today post identifies him as "Michael Smith." Under several of the shares, some commenters argued why Smith was being singled out while other commenters who spoke negatively about the Mohawk police — particularly due to the violent conduct of the demonstrators — were not.

Others argued that criticizing the police for allegedly heavy-handed tactics — as

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When asked for comment, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe issued the following statement: "Social media should provide individuals, particularly our community members, with the ability to comment on an open, safe and respectful manner. We continue to promote and encourage positive dialogue from everyone and expect the same from outside

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contributions and progress we continue to provide in making the North Country a better place for everyone. Efforts to reach Smith for comment on Wednesday were unsuccessful. Akwesasne Today's screenshot post can be found at: <http://wdrme/AkwesasneTodayFacebook>

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