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St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Arrests Couple for Fraud and Other Charges

Falsely Solicited Donations for Medical Treatments

Akwesasne Territory -- On May 24, 2010, St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police arrested an Akwesasne couple and laid multiple charges based on an elaborate scheme to defraud. Frank Laughing Jr. and Jennifer Jackson-Laughing were charged with First Degree Scheme to Defraud, Third Degree Grand Larceny and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Frank Laughing Jr. faces an additional charge of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument.

Frank Laughing Jr. is being held in Franklin County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail. Jennifer Jackson-Laughing was released under the supervision of Franklin County Probation Department. Future court appearance dates are not available at this time.

The arrests are based on information forwarded to police that the Laughings were allegedly soliciting donations from community members for medical treatments they claimed were necessary for their child. The investigation revealed that these claims were false and that all money collected was done in a fraudulent manner. If any community member(s) feel that they may have been victimized by this scheme, please call Detective Matthew Rourke of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department at (518) 358-9200.

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