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Petition Filed Against Former Tribal Leader

(KNZA)--Legal proceedings move forward against a longtime leader of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas accused of what Tribal leaders call a "breach of fiduciary duty."

According to a written statement released by the tribe Monday, a petition is now filed in the Kickapoo Nation Tribe's District Court against former Tribal Chairman Clifford "Steve" Cadue.

The petition stems from findings of violations of the Tribe's Standard Procedures for preparing, enacting, and administering an annual tribal budget ordinance.

Cadue in January was removed from the Tribal Council where he was serving as budget officer. The leadership at that time said the vote to remove Cadue stemmed from his failure to appropriately modify the tribe's fiscal year 2014 budget despite knowing that the tribe's Golden Eagle Casino's revenues fell severely short of projections. They additionally alleged that Cadue executed a pledge agreement which secured the Tribe's trust fund for its young members as collateral on a promissory note without Tribal Council action.

Cadue had served as tribal chairman many times during the past 30 years.

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