

Tribal Members Plead To Childcare Theft

(KAIR)--Two Kickapoo Tribal members plead guilty to defrauding the Kickapoo Childcare Assistance Program.

According to a press release issued by the Kickapoo Tribe, Delores Hooper and Darlene Wewenes were convicted of larceny in the Tribal District Court, and were found to have acted by “fraud or stealth.”

Their pleas were accepted by Judge C. Steven Hager.

Both Hooper and Wewenes were ordered to pay restitution.

Their three month jail sentences were suspended, and both will be placed on six months of unsupervised probation.

They will also no longer receive per capita payments from the Tribe, based on the Tribe's Net Gaming Revenue Allocation Ordinance.

Kickapoo Tribal Vice-Chair Fred Thomas describes the crimes as “selfish actions” that “serve to deprive needed resources from the benefit of those in need” of support” from the Child Care Assistance Program.

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