

Former Kickapoo Tribal Chair convicted

(KAIR)--A no contest plea is entered by former Kickapoo Tribal Chairman Steve Cadue, convicted this week of fraudulent handling of a recordable instrument and tampering with records.

Seven other criminal counts were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

According to a press release issued by the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Judge Steven Hager, Judge of the Kickapoo Nation accepted Cadue's plea.

Former Tribal Council Treasurer Bobbi Darnell was previously convicted by a jury, while former Secretary Adolph Cadue, Jr. is awaiting trial in connection with similar criminal charges.

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

Darnell, in March, was convicted on six criminal charges, and sentenced to 18-months confinement in one case and 22-months confinement in the other. The sentences will run concurrently.

The hearing for Adolph Cadue, Jr. is scheduled for December 19, 2018.

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