

Former Kickapoo Tribal Council chair sentenced
(KNZA)--Former Kickapoo Tribal Council Chairman Lester Randall has been sentenced after pleading guilty to multiple charges.

According to a release from the tribe, Randall pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of attempted homicide, along with one count each of attempted arson, assault in the second degree, larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny and embezzlement.

Under further questioning by the Tribal District Court Judge, the release says Randall admitted to a courtroom of Tribal members that he committed all the crimes to which he pled.

Randall was sentenced to banishment from the Kickapoo Tribe, payment of restitution in excess of \$150,000, and forfeiture of 3 residential houses and numerous motor vehicles. Under traditional and customary Tribal Law, the sentence of banishment means that Randall is considered legally dead and a nonentity to the Kickapoo Tribe.

At the conclusion of the sentencing portion of the hearing, Randall was immediately taken into custody by federal law enforcement, as he is under two federal indictments for sexual exploitation of a minor, producing and receiving child pornography, enticement for prostitution and aggravated domestic battery.

“Members of our Tribe can now begin the process of healing from the hurt and damage caused by Lester Randall,” said Tribal Chairperson Gail Cheatham. “Randall has caused hurt and trauma on our Reservation that will take years to overcome.”

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