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**FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS DEFENDANTS FOR STEALING OVER \$2 MILLION
FROM THE KICKAPOO TRADITIONAL TRIBE OF TEXAS**

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco this afternoon, a federal jury convicted Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas gaming representative Isidro Garza, Jr., his son, former State Representative Timoteo Garza and Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino manager Arthur Lee Martin for scheming to steal over \$2 million from the casino as well as the tribe itself. Isidro's wife, Martha Garza, was convicted along with her husband and son of tax evasion and a related conspiracy charge.

In all, the jury convicted:

- Isidro Garza, Jr., of one count of conspiracy to commit theft from an Indian tribal organization and by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands, two substantive counts of theft from an Indian tribal organization, five substantive counts of theft by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands, one count of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and four counts of tax evasion. As a result, Isidro Garza faces up to 55 years in federal prison.
- Martha Garza of one count of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service plus four counts of tax evasion. As a result, Martha Garza faces up to 25 years in federal prison.
- Timeteo Garza of one count of conspiracy to commit theft from an Indian tribal organization and by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands, two counts of theft by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands and one count of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service. As a result, Timeteo Garza faces up to 20 years in federal prison.
- Arthur Lee Martin of one count of conspiracy to commit theft from an Indian tribal organization and by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands and two counts of theft by officers and employees of Gaming Establishments on Indian lands. As a result, Martin faces up to 15 years in federal prison.

The jury found that between February 13, 1998, and October 28, 2002, the defendants misused tribal credit cards, took cash directly from the casino cash cage and had checks from tribal and casino accounts written to pay for personal expenses.

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Sentencing is scheduled for November 28, 2007, before United States Chief District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr.

On May 17, 2007, Raul Garza, Sr., former chairman of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, was sentenced to three years in federal prison and ordered to pay more than \$2 million restitution for his role in the scheme.

This investigation was conducted by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Interior - Office of Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorneys William R. Harris, Joe F. Sepeda and Gregory S. Gloff are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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