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### **Statement re: Kahnawà:ke Security**

**(Kahnawake – Seskéha/August 2011)** In light of the assault and robbery of a community elder on Saturday, 6 Seskéha/August, the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers would like to remind Kahnawa'kehró:non that neighborhood vigilance is an extremely important part to keeping the community as safe as possible.

The Peacekeepers are pleased that community members have organized meetings to discuss the security concerns. While the Peacekeepers are responsible for all policing services within the Territory, they depend on the community to provide information when suspicious activity takes place.

Additionally, some community members are employing private security firms to help provide additional security for their property. While we certainly support this practice, we must remind everyone that all private security firms are obligated to follow directives issued by the Peacekeepers when intervening in any situation.

“First, we wish a speedy recovery to the victim of last week’s home invasion,” said Chief Peacekeeper Dwayne Zacharie. “We share everyone’s concern and would like to assure the community that we are working diligently to identify and apprehend the criminals who did this.”

“Further, we are planning to meet with the organizers and/or representatives of this week’s meetings in order to listen to their concerns and suggestions,” he added. “And I can’t stress enough that the ‘neighborhood watch’ concept is one that would go a long way in keeping our community safe from all types of unwanted activities.”

Anyone having information on this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Peacekeepers directly at 450-632-6505 or anonymously via the Tip Line at 450-632-2802.

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