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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk - News Release

### Important message to the community

#### For immediate release to Kahnawá:ke media

(15, Kenténha/October 2004) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community about certain developments that may impact the community in general.

Mr. Jamie "Ranch" Diabo was recently charged with three (3) counts of conspiracy under the *Criminal Code of Canada* to commit offences under the *Excise Act* and *Customs Act*, stemming from alleged criminal activities that took place in 2001 related to the sale, possession, manufacture or import into Canada of tobacco and with possession of imported alcohol.

Mr. Diabo has retained his own defense counsel and has sought assistance from the MCK with respect to the criminal charges he is facing. At a duly convened Council Meeting of 12 Kenténha/October, 2004, it was decided that the MCK, through its Legal Services Department, would provide support and assist Mr. Diabo's counsel by providing documents, as may be requested, and any other assistance deemed appropriate.

"We can only strengthen our jurisdiction if we work together to create the mechanisms that allow us to defend that jurisdiction," stated Grand Chief Michael Delisle, Jr. "My door remains open to those within the tobacco industry to discuss our common concerns."

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