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EAGLE PASS RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR STEALING FROM THE KICKAPOO TRADITIONAL TRIBE OF TEXAS

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco this afternoon, Isidro Garza, Jr., Martha Garza, Timoteo Garza, and Arthur Lee Martin were sentenced by United States District Chief Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr. to the following terms :

Isidro Garza, Jr.	235 months in federal prison and \$500,000 in restitution
Martha Garza:	24 months in federal prison and \$100,000 in restitution
Arthur Lee Martin:	60 months in federal prison and \$250,000 in restitution
Timoteo Garza:	78 months in federal prison and \$250,000 in restitution

Last year 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 of tax evasion and the three Garza's were all convicted of a related conspiracy charge.

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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