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\$ 1 Million In Cigarettes Confiscated

Alleged Smuggler Linked to Mohawk Businessman Phil Tarbell

Canada Customs officials made the biggest cigarette bust in recent history late Friday night, June 15.

Gary Bell, 25, a trucker from North Bangor, Franklin County, was released on \$ 25,000 bail Monday. 691 cases of non-duty cigarettes were found inside his tractor trailer with an estimated street value of close to \$ 1 million. 500 cases were Canadian cigarettes and tobacco products legally exported out of Canada.

Bell told Customs officials that he was driving the truck to Cornwall to pick up a load and did not know that there were cigarettes in the trailer, according to Don La Belle, Director of Operations in Ottawa. Although he admitted that he owned the truck, he told officials that he did not own the trailer.

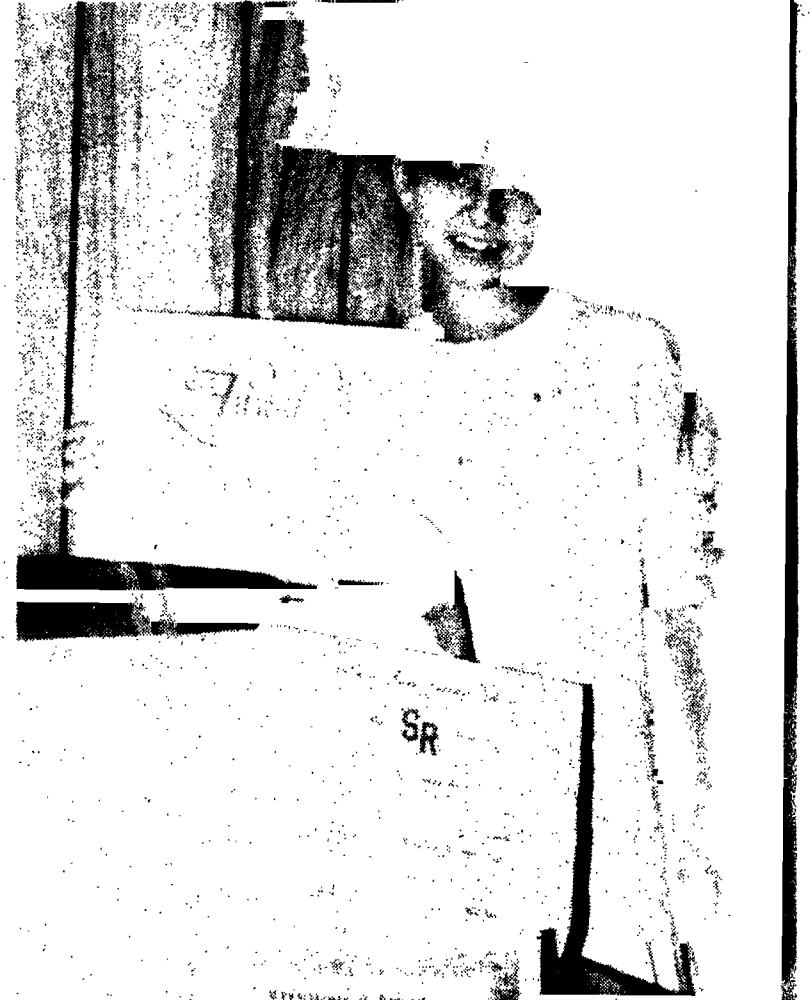
Customs officials refused to release the name of the owner of the trailer to the press, but La Belle did tell reporters that police are

investigating a possible link to organized smuggling rings operating out of Akwesasne.

Indian Time has learned from reliable sources that the cigarettes Bell was carrying were owned by local Mohawk businessman Philip Tarbell, owner of Ohsarase Computer Systems in Hogansburg. Tarbell holds a New York State license to sell tax-free cigarettes on Indian reservations.

Bell, a non-Indian, was released

after his arraignment in Ontario Provincial Court in Cornwall and is scheduled to appear back in court on August 8. In addition to the smuggling charge, he faces charges of failure to report goods, possession of smuggled goods, making a false statement and willful evasion of payment of duties, La Belle said. The maximum penalty for these charges is five years in jail and a \$ 25,000 fine, according to Customs officials.



Jasmine Benedict displays her awards from Salmon River Elementary. Jasmine won the Pamoja International award for cultural understanding, grade 5 achievement, and a certificate for 2 years of participation in band. Jasmine will be attending Salmon River Middle school in the fall. She is the daughter of Salli Benedict.

Kahnawake Peacekeepers Search for Teen Gunman

Akwasne Woman Shot by Youth, 17

Mohawk Peacekeepers in Kahnawake are continuing the manhunt for a 17-year-old teen who allegedly shot an Akwasne woman during the early morning hours of Friday, June 15.

Assistant Chief Investigator Warren White told Indian Time that the shooting occurred on the property of Phillip Deering at Johnson Point in Kahnawake. Rose Marie Jacobs, wife of alleged MSSF member Steve Jacobs, was shot in the back of the head with a high-powered rifle after a brief argument with a juvenile assailant. She is listed in satisfactory condition.

Police continue to search for the young man responsible for the shooting. Under Canadian law, his identity cannot be released to the media. When found, Peacekeepers say he will be charged with attempted murder.

The shooting occurred at around 4:35 a.m. Friday morning, after the young man entered the house where Jacobs was staying and made accusations about her husband. He then went to another room to load up a gun. When the young woman turned away from him, he fired the gun, striking her in the back of the head.

Peacekeepers reported that two AK-47's and a .357 Magnum pistol were recovered at the scene of the crime, as was the bullet that injured Mrs. Jacobs.

Break In at Akwesasne Fuel Station

In the early morning hours of June 16, 1990, the Akwesasne Fuels Station on Rt. 37, State Road was victim to vandalism and theft. Linda Lazore, manager, and workers believe the person or persons involved were mainly after cigarettes and money.

When Lazore arrived at 5:30 a.m., the front door was unlocked. Inside, papers and garbage bags were scattered on the floor and cigarette shelves had been damaged. Only Canadian cigarettes were taken from the shelves. Many cases of American cigarettes were taken, along with candy, t-shirts, lighters,

jackets and approximately \$430.00. Lazore went to a home close by to phone the New York State Troopers, as her phone was out of order. She returned and proceeded to look around. Three cases of American cigarettes had been replaced and the phone was again in working order. Entrance was made through the back door, which was damaged after being busted open. She also discovered her safe, containing over \$3,000.00 in savings, and an income tax cheque missing. Troopers arrived immediately. While looking around, one officer found candy

wrappers, lighters, an iron bar and a hammer behind the building. Troopers believe that the offenders parked their vehicle(s) in this area.

Akwesasne Fuels Station employs 10-15 community residents including several youth. Threats have been received by this business in past months by people in the "Warriors Society" and pro-gamblers. Business hours were shortened when it reopened in late May, but plans for returning to regular 24 hour service were underway.



Mrs. Herne's class celebrates a tug of war victory. The students at the Mohawk school participated in games and races on their Play Day held on June 20th.

Bad Week For Warriors and Smugglers

Mohawks identified as members of the Mohawk Sovereignty Security Force were among a number of people arrested in the past week as State Police continue to crack down on crime in our territory.

On Thursday, June 14, Dennis Jocko, 36, of Cornwall Island, was charged with driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest, first-degree reckless endangerment and first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after he allegedly drove through two State Police roadblocks on Route 37. A passenger in the vehicle, Anthony David, 25, was charged with facilitating aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and resisting arrest. Both are known members of the MSSF.

U.S. Customs authorities have arrested one of the 16 people wanted

on federal warrants for impeding the investigation of the helicopter shooting in Kanienke (March 30). John Bamundo, 29, was arrested Thursday as he tried to cross the U.S./Canadian border on Route 87. The conspiracy charge carries a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment of up to six years.

On Friday afternoon, a number of rounds of semi-automatic gunfire were shot from a wooded area near the River Road in Snye, Quebec, forcing Quebec Police officers at a St. Regis Village checkpoint to take cover. Police investigated the incident, but no arrests have been made. Bob Conde, a Quebec Police spokesperson, told reporters that the shots seemed to be coming from the area of the St. Regis River.

Also that day, a Canada Customs official reported that a tractor trailer carrying 691 cases of cigarettes was stopped as it tried to enter Canada at

the Cornwall Island port of entry. The estimated street value of the cigarettes is close to \$ 1 million. A source told Indian Time that the man driving the truck was identified as Gary Bell, an associate of Mohawk businessman Phillip Tarbell.

On Saturday, State Police investigated complaints that shots were being fired by MSSF member, Tommy Square. It was later determined that Square was only target practicing.

At 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, Deborah Ann Francis, 24, of Snye, and Robert Scott Simpson, 26, of Roosevelttown Road, were arrested and charged with the possession of untaxed cigarettes after State Police reportedly found 338 cartons in their vehicle. The pair were said to have turned around at the Fort

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The Cult of the MSSF: Tactics on Terrorism Part III

Any paramilitary force with political ambitions relies upon a committed fighting force if it hopes to take over the state. Its members must believe in its leaders or have a strong compelling interest in destroying the government.

To the leaders of the Mohawk Sovereignty Security Force it is necessary to convince its supporters that they are involved in a fight which is patriotic as well as profitable. They are adamant about the righteousness of their cause despite the obvious fact that what they are doing is clearly immoral, built upon a foundation of greed and violence and has contributed directly to the death of two men.

The MSSF uses various methods for gaining support. The organization does not enjoy great support here but its leaders know the relatively few members they have are capable of causing

enormous damage to the community because their normal restraints have been removed for the duration of the present crisis. It is important for SS Force members to be able to flee to the leaders when in trouble. They receive encouragement and help regardless of the seriousness of their actions. Assault, public drunkenness, domestic violence, murder, drug abuse have been linked directly or alleged to have been committed by SS members without condemnation by their leaders who cannot risk alienating their front line fighters.

The SS adheres to the methodology of the cult. It promises, as do other cults, material rewards for little effort, "caring" people who seem to be genuinely interested in you as a human being, a sense of discipline missing in most people, acceptance for "who you are", a direction for

lives without meaning, plenty of attention, power over your enemies, revenge over those who are to blame for one's problems and a place within a like-minded group.

For those who are considered "marginal" or "outlaw" by most the SS offers a place free from real or imagined prosecution and blanket condemnations. The pain of ostracism felt by these outcasts can be converted into essentially criminal activities disguised as acts of patriotism. The leaders of the SS cult do not necessarily want to change the violent behavior of its members but need to have sufficient control over them to redirect internal hostility to specific political targets.

The SS demands, in return for its acceptance, the cult member surrender individual will to the leadership. The cult member must be willing to accept the most

outrageous distortions of the truth, engage in acts they would not ordinarily do, suspend any doubts about their activities and protect the group against outsiders. Free from having to deal with an irritating conscience the SS cult member can,

surround and protect him.

The formula of the SS for gaining recruits is fairly routine. Like other cults it seeks the very young. Teenagers who are looking



for meaning and demonstrate a strong desire to be part of a collective are prime targets. For the more intelligent youth, the SS appeals to their sense of patriotism. Within this small group the SS must convince them they are

with ease for some, perform acts of violence, like murder, with little hesitation knowing the group with

joining a noble cause that is part of a grand historical tradition. Initial doubts are removed by "stroking" the ego of the recruit, by constant praises, inclusion within the inner circle and of the promise of leadership.

For the less intellectual the SS offers excitement and the appeal of violence. Knowing teenagers have been fed years of stimulation by being saturated with violent images via television and film the SS holds the promise of guns, cars and money. In a time when image and reputation can overwhelm truth and compassion the appeal of the SS to this class is difficult to ignore especially when the recruit is poor. Again, the media teaches us that to consume, to have, to possess is not only good but desirable. The traditional values of unity, simplicity, hard work have a

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