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Spokeswoman says guns at site

Reclamation site “security” searching anyone entering site

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A Reclamation site spokeswoman admits a man, charged in a “drive-by” styled shooting at a Highway 6 smoke hut last Thursday had been at the site prior to the shooting armed with guns.

Sources told Turtle Island News the man had been at the Reclamation site with what looked like an AK-47 in a press release issued Tuesday. Jane Jameson said effective

Friday Tuesday, anyone entering or leaving the Reclamation site will now be subject to a search.

Tuesday, Turtle Island News reporters were subjected to a

search by some of the same “security” spotted last week smoking joints at the front gate. Jameson did not say how far the search would go or who (Continued page 2.)



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Cost of health building rises again now \$5.5 million

The cost of the almost-completed Six Nations Health Complex on Chiefswood Rd. has risen again, by \$300,000, and has now reached a total cost of \$5.5 million. Band Council agreed at Monday's finance meeting to loan another \$300,000 in order to complete the building by June, when tenants are expected to be able to move in. The

final cost is \$600,000 above the original projected cost of \$4.9 million. The new building will house numerous branches of Six Nations Health Services, and will also include a much-needed dialysis unit to accommodate diabetics who suffer from kidney problems and have trouble getting to dialysis appointments off the reserve.

Six Nations man charged with attempted murder in drive-by shooting

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would assume liability for any assaults occurring as a result of the searches.

In addition, she says a gate will be erected at the site.

Jameson said the decision came in a meeting apparently between clanmothers and a few women over the holiday weekend. The meeting was not opened to the public.

In her press release Jameson admits weapons were on the reclamation site. It's the first time since the reclamation movement began that weapons have been found on the site.

According to Jameson, "On Thursday May 17, 2007 an isolated incident involving a firearm

occurred at Kanohstaton."

In her press release she said, as a result "The following safety measures have been put in place for everyone coming to Kanohstaton. Effective today all persons wanting to enter Kanohstaton can expect to be subject to search upon arrival and departure. Heavily secured gates will be constructed as soon as possible in order to monitor the safety and well being of everyone. The Ontario Provincial Police are free to continue to fly over using their equipment to search the grounds for weapons. Our Chiefs and Clanmothers will be doing their own checks at the site to ensure our laws being upheld. Also, a few more security people

will be added to the schedule."

Jameson does not say who the security people will be or what their qualifications are.

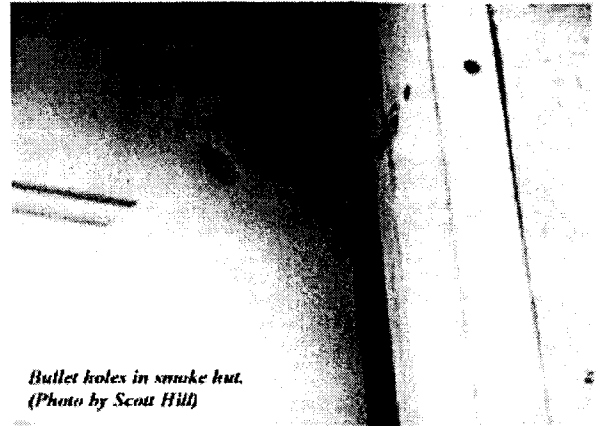
Jameson announcement comes as internal bickering over security at the site boiled over. One woman told Turtle Island News, "It's the people now at the site that need to be searched. They're causing the problems. All the adults, except Janie (Jameson) and Carol (Bomberry) have left because they are afraid of what is going on there now."

The announcement comes on the heels of a Six Nations man recovering from gunshot wounds to the arm, after a drive-by shooting in front of a smoke shop on Hwy. 6 and Fifth Line Rd. caught early Thursday afternoon.

Donald Leslie VanEvery, 47, of Ohsweken, is facing charges of attempted murder, use of a firearm while committing an offence, possession of a firearm, uttering a threat to cause death and pointing a firearm after firing into the Bald Eagle's Nest smoke shop around 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

A source who wanted to remain anonymous told the Turtle Island News the shooting stemmed from an argument on the land reclamation site, and in a statement, the OPP said, "the suspect may have been observed at the Douglas Creek Estates, but the suspect's actions were in relation to an issue not related to the ongoing land claim dispute."

The source said the incident began



Bullet holes in smoke hut.
(Photo by Scott Hill)

with an exchange at the land reclamation site near the Firstlemow St. entrance early Thursday afternoon during which VanEvery threatened another man in his late twenties with an AK47 rifle. The dispute, sources said, was over a drug debt.

The man left the site and drove to the smoke shop on Hwy. 6 where he parked his vehicle in the driveway. He was on his phone with the Six Nations Police when VanEvery drove up in front of the building, stopped on the shoulder, and began shooting at the building.

The intended target was still in his vehicle and ducked while about six to 10 shots were fired at the building. One employee inside the building, an 18-year-old man who goes by the name "Eddie", received a wound to his upper arm when a bullet made its way through the

Police allowed "Hawk" and a handful of Six Nations people who had gathered at the scene to go on the property as they completed the investigation and removed the yellow crime scene tape that encircled the property.

He showed Six Nations media the wooden hut was peppered with bullet holes, and even the metal door at the front of the building had a quarter-sized bullet hole near the top.

There were no other visual indicators that a shooting had taken place. He was reluctant to give any details on the incident, fearing for his safety, but he insisted it had nothing to do with him or his smoke shop saying it just happened to take place on his property.

"This had nothing to do with me personally or my smoke shop or the land that it sits on," said a shuk-



OPP cut off Highway 6 traffic while they investigated the drive-by shooting that began on the Reclamation site. (Photos by Scott Hill)



Turtle Island News reporters are searched by some of the "security" personnel who were caught by the newspaper smoking joints at the front gate two weeks ago. Other "security" personnel check out the car and its trunk. They also have sniffing dogs. (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

plywood walls and into his arm. The victim was taken to West Haldimand General Hospital in Hagersville and later transferred to Hamilton General with non-life threatening injuries. A customer was also just leaving when the shooting began, according to another eyewitness who wanted to remain anonymous. VanEvery left the scene and fled to his mother's home on Sixth Line Rd. where he was apprehended by the Six Nations Police and is currently in the custody of the Haldimand County OPP. He appeared in Cayuga Provincial Court on Friday and was remanded into custody until his next court appearance June 1. The OPP closed down Hwy 6 between the bypass and Fourth Line Rd. for about five hours while they investigated the scene. Nobody was allowed to pass the roadblocks except police and at one point, an male Six Nations woman almost ran over an OPP officer as she tried to get through the roadblock to the crime scene. Around 6:30 p.m., police re-opened the road while keeping the crime scene closed off to continue the investigation. Half an hour later, Jeff "Hawk", Henhawk, the owner of the controversial smoke shop that just opened two weeks ago, arrived and walked onto the property while the investigation was wrapping up.

en Henhawk, 28. "That's the honest to goodness truth. The main thing is, my partner is doing all right. Thankfully, nobody lost their lives." The cigarette hut sits on a piece of property at the corner of Hwy 6 and Fifth Line Rd. The land is community-owned, and since opening up shop, "Hawk" has faced criticism from band council and community members for moving onto the property without consulting them. There are also a number of other community members that support him. The band owned land is controlled by band council who has slated the band owned land for housing and has developed the Six Nations Oneida Industrial Park or has put the land out to tender. Band council passed a resolution last year stating that no cigarettes or contraband products are to be sold on band-owned land. Hut "Hawk" believes he has a right to be there, he says, because it is community-owned land, and therefore, belongs to community members like him. Although he was shaken up from the shooting, the father of two said he's not going to close down because, "I've got to make a living." Hawk said his partner is doing well and is currently in home resting. The OPP and Six Nations Police are investigating.

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