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Alleged murder outside Benderz Bar in downtown Oneida has Tribal residents asking: ‘Has a culture of permissiveness and privilege contributed to the first Oneida homicide in decades?’

The first homicide on the reservation in years may have happened around 2 a.m. on Saturday August 10, 2013. Accused shooter, Alejandro Silva, 18, allegedly murdered Kamewan Salzman, 24, who was found by police laying on the ground outside of Benderz Bar near the intersection of County Highways J & U, less than a mile north of the Norbert Hill Center. Local reports are that a large street fight involving more than ten individuals precipitated the shooting incident. Neighbors have said that they heard gunshots but not any ambulance nor police sirens. Yet residents who live near County Highways E & EE said they heard sirens around 3 a.m. The Oneida Police have confirmed that Silva himself was the victim of a gunshot on April 6, 2013 at the Site 1 housing area on the Oneida reservation. The questions that now accompany the mourning of the destruction of two young lives have had Oneida Tribal members wondering what is happening to their community. Some wonder if a permissive attitude toward other, lesser crimes, such as the vandalism of school property by Oneida Nation High School students who were allowed by Principal Artley Skenandore to retain their honor titles which even included the school Valedictorian, may be partly to blame for encouraging a local culture where consequences don't apply to a few Tribe members yet others are held to relatively unfair standards. If certain members of the Oneida Tribe, whether high school students or adults, receive preferential treatment and are never actually held m e a n i n g f u l l y accountable for the harm they do to the property of others or of the Tribe, how will Oneida kids learn that some actions might have devastating results that can ruin or end lives early?

Hearing scheduled for Sept. 5 & 6 regarding removal petition

Appeals Commissioners Jim Van Stippen, Sandy Skenadore and Jean Webster presided at a Preliminary Review on Wed. August 21, 2013 to determine if allegations made in Brian Doxtator's petition to remove Tribal Chairman Ed Delgado were sufficient grounds for removal. A public Hearing was scheduled for September 5 & 6, 2013 at which Doxtator will be required to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that his allegations merit removal. Chairman Delgado maintains he followed the Tribe's Code of Ethics which requires him to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Tribe and comply with customs and traditions which include protecting children, elders & Tribal resources. The Code of Ethics also makes it clear that if the Chairman is aware of a problem and fails to act he could be accused of 'inaction.' Doxtator's charges are based on the Chairman's attempt to provide travel assistance to an elder needing life-saving dialysis, his agreement with the Environmental Dept. Director to provide a certificate of appreciation and wood to a long-standing community sweat lodge, as well as his attempt to encourage the Southeast Oneida Tribal Services Board to reconsider their scoring regarding a bidding process for a new SEOTS facility which Delgado says he only did in the interest of protecting financial resources. Delgado believes he fulfilled his job description which demands he be responsive to the Tribe's needs and he wonders if Doxtator would have brought charges against him had he not taken the actions cited. As a candidate Delgado promised that he would be fiscally frugal and would protect people by having an open office for Tribe members to express their concerns and needs, and Delgado has said that he views community ceremonies such as sweats an important component of addressing some of those needs. Chairman Delgado has noted that it was after he told the local media that he felt General Tribal Council made the right decision at its May 5, 2013 meeting to prohibit OSGC from building incinerators on the reservation that the attitudes of some Business Committee and community members changed. If Appeals Commissioners decide that the Hearing evidence merits removal, a special GTC meeting would be scheduled within 45 days at which time the Chairman could address GTC about the allegations. The Removal Law states that a vote of 2/3 majority of attendees would be required for removal.

Vice-Chairman Greg Matson warns of ‘Terrorism’ & ‘Espionage’

On Monday August 12, 2013 the Oneida Tribe's Vice-Chair issued an urgent email stating he believes that a non-Tribal "Terrorist [is] acting in ways of espionage," though he didn't mention what specific terror group he believed the individual was working for. When advised he should reconsider his statements, Matson issued a reply email saying, "I approach everything with caution," and said he believed the named individual, "seems to be confused about his place in our government. In my opinion he has no place there." An elder Tribal member associated with the named individual contacted Oneida Police for their reassurance they don't share the Vice-Chair's opinion and an officer stated that they didn't believe the Tribe had been infiltrated by either a terrorist nor a spy. In a related story, Tribal Communications Specialist Ernest Lloyd Stevens III stated on an Oneida community Facebook page that, in his opinion, Tribal members who are associated with the individual named by the Vice-Chair, "should be disenrolled and banned from the reservation for life. For their own good." It was unclear whether Stevens' comment, which was accompanied by a photo of him holding a gun, was to be taken as a terrorist threat against the parties involved. Police have been asked to contact Stevens about his comments and photo.

**OSGC's Use Permit Expired**  
On January 29, 2013 the Land Commission held a public meeting chaired by Commissioner Amelia Cornelius about Oneida Seven Generations Corporation's requested zoning variance and Conditional Use Permit to build an incinerator in a wetlands area near schools, neighborhoods, and Tribal offices. The Land Commission was supposed to vote on the matter on February 11 but, due to the number of comments, waited two extra days. After the media reported Amelia was the mother of OSGC CEO Kevin Cornelius she recused herself from chairing the February 13 meeting, but not from previous meetings regarding OSGC issues. The February 13, 2013 meeting was instead chaired by Commission member Patricia Cornelius (whose son, Bart Cornelius, is listed as the 'Independent Tribal Vendor' of 'Trucking' for OSGC) and the Land Commission approved the CUP and a variance to rezone a wetlands area an 'industrial' zone. However, on May 5, 2013 GTC voted to prohibit OSGC building incinerators on the reservation. Six months have passed since OSGC's CUP was granted and, because OSGC wasn't able to use it, on August 13, 2013 it expired.

The Political ‘Philosophy’ of Brandon Stevens

At the March 13, 2013 OBC Meeting about the May 5 General Tribal Council Meeting where GTC supported Leah Sue Dodge's petition to prohibit Oneida Seven Generations Corporation from building dioxin-emitting incinerators on the Oneida reservation, Council member Brandon Stevens said this about restricting the decision-making actions of GTC: "I guess in preparation for the [GTC] meeting, y'know, is there some type of administrative analysis to kind of equate to the general membership that we have processes in place, that we have these lines of authority and due diligence that happens when there's a project that is proposed, and so they have that understanding that they, whoever it is, whoever wants to, hopefully someone else would want to come and put their business on the reservation **without having to go through all this, going to the General Tribal Council**, that we do have those in place and that that is our stopgap, than **just having a bunch of, y'know, Indians, y'know, placing stuff wherever they want**. I guess that's what I would ask for is administrative analysis to say, okay, we have these things and this is what needs to happen. This is what they would have happened in the case that, if it were proposed, this is the process that they would have followed."

**Translation:** 'How can the BC convince GTC they must let the BC do whatever the BC wants to do?' In fact, Brandon Stevens and Vice-Chairman Greg Matson **voted against** forwarding the anti-incinerator petition to the GTC for a vote. Yet Stevens found a way to top that level of disrespect towards GTC by saying this at the **July 24, 2013 BC Meeting** about GTC's right to petition: "So if I have something I want to do, I can get it up there, **I can get, y'know, preferential treatment** because, y'know, I will do all the backup and do everything and it will get added to an agenda, and that's how it works, and that's how politics works, that's how the government works outside there, if there's an issue, you bring it up. **I just don't like the idea that we have to be compelled every time by petition to do something.**" So Brandon Stevens wants to place stuff wherever he wants but he doesn't want GTC to be able to add items to their own agenda through a petition, and he's willing to vote to **deny** GTC the right to decide matters that affect their own health, safety and welfare. It seems the political 'philosophy' of Mr. Stevens can be best summed up by the cartoon character Cartman on 'South Park' when he says: **"Respect mah authoritah!"**

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# Owista Oneida Taxes & Strateglobe, LLC:

## What are Brian Doxtator & Joanie Buckley up to?

### An Oneida Times Follow-Up Investigation

When Oneida Times reported in 2008 about the strange goings-on at 112 Riverdale Drive, Oneida, WI, we told you that Brian Doxtator — resident of that address and owner of home-based business Owista Oneida Taxes — had a business relationship with Joanie Buckley via Strateglobe, LLC, but that they'd lost a Tribal contract worth over \$500,000.

The contract was signed by General Manager Deborah ThunderCloud, Vice-Chair Kathy Hughes, and Treasurer Mercie Danforth, but when the rest of the BC learned about the deal it was cancelled due to the exorbitant amount and Strateglobe's lack of expertise.

We also told you that Strateglobe was strangely listing its location as 112 Riverdale Dr. and we posed the possibility that Strateglobe was claiming that its address was on the reservation in order to commit **tax evasion**.

However, it turns out it is against Tribal Law for either Owista Taxes or Strateglobe to operate at that address. That is, it was until last Monday.

On August 12, 2013 Brian Doxtator appeared at a Land Commission public hearing (of which

the public was not notified) and sought and received a variance to operate his business that had operated illegally for over a decade.

Brian admitted that he had been leasing part of his residential property to Strateglobe, which would be doubly illegal because individual Trust land lease holders are not allowed to sublet their properties to businesses.

But it gets weirder (and regarding Brian Doxtator that's a high bar.)

The sleuths at the new website **OneidaEye.com** found out that Joanie Buckley — who's currently the Oneida Tribe's Internal Services Division Director — had received a traffic ticket on April 29, 2012 and that public records listed her residential address as... you guessed it: 112 Riverdale Drive, Oneida.

OneidaEye.com also disclosed the fact that Strateglobe's registration with the WI Dept. of Financial Institution was revoked in October 2011, and that Joanie has been traveling to events held by other tribes claiming that Strateglobe is a "business-consulting firm located on a Native American reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin."

Oh really?

OneidaEye.com also revealed that the website **Strateglobe.com** was still listing Brian's address as its 'Home Office.'

After Oneida Eye made that public, Strateglobe's website changed their address to "P.O. 200, Oneida, WI" (no 'Box').

If it was illegal for Joanie, let alone Brian, to be operating a business out of 112 Riverdale Dr., it may have also been illegal for Joanie to claim that address as her residence with the WI DMV and, you guessed it, her auto insurance company. They usually consider that kind of thing to be fraud.

All of this information was given to the Land Commission and they predictably gave Brian his variance anyway.

It remains to be seen whether or not State and Federal Tax officials will be quite so kind, not to mention Flo or the Gecko or whoever insures J.B.

It's expected that an injunction will be filed by Tribe members against the Land Commission's zoning decision.

The question is: Who at the Land Management offices will be there to receive a copy and who might be busy meeting with a defense attorney?

To be continued.

## Off the Rez by Two Shoes

I've been giving some time to thought, introspection and retrospection about the meaning of life. Having survived the storms of alcohol that sought to destroy the fabric of my family nestled within the confines of the Oneida reservation, I wonder, with fear and humility, at the choices I have made during my lifetime.

I was raised to "be a man." I remember my Uncle's concept of the road to manhood as he showed me the world of boxing and told me of the glories that could be achieved in the ring. I was shown two men who were standing toe to toe hitting each other in the face. Not my idea of a lifelong goal and yet I remember cheering, literally, along with many others in the theater during the fight sequence of that first "Rocky" movie. Still, getting hit in the face never appealed to me as deep down there's a feeling that hitting others just isn't right.

I remember Mohammed Ali, perhaps the greatest boxer of all time, declining to enter the service and possibly go fight in Viet Nam. Was it, as George Carlin said, a matter of "I'll beat people up, but I'm not going to kill them"? Perhaps fighting should not be a sport?

I remember being instructed on manhood, John Wayne style. I recall a lifetime of fighting in only a few short years of grade school and high school. Most of it was probably my fault, my pride.

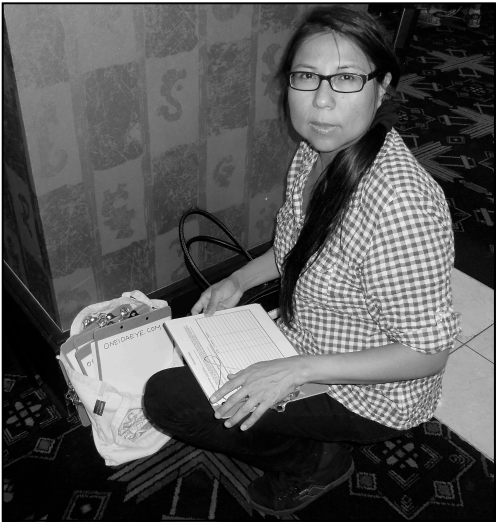
I remember never knowing just how to walk away from a fight. Not that I didn't back down, but when I did there was always a bad taste left afterward. As I got older it was always attack first, attack hard and then people will leave you alone. It's a terrible definition of manhood.

Now, as white puffs of hair invade my chin, eyebrows grow wild like asparagus plants in the ditch, and my shoes getting ever further from my reach, I'm beginning to comprehend just exactly what the "seven generations" mystique is really all about. Not the battlefield of "seven generations" that seems to be focused on financial gains or loss but the true seven generations that builds a community, even if that community is built only one family at a time.

As a grandfather I wish to impart knowledge that will last. The question is, "just what are those virtues?" I pick blackberries, I pick mulberries. We can pickles, we can tomatoes. We go to church on Sundays, we give thanks before we eat. We plant a garden, we harvest that garden. We spend time with friends, we spend time alone. I was taught how to make and use a sling, which is different from a slingshot. I was taught how to pick out a white ash tree and from there build a slingshot. I was taught how to form wood and tie, with special knots, the rubber used to propel objects through the air. If I don't teach my children and grandchildren these things, they will be lost and it will be my fault. I better get going, time is short and we all have things that we should teach the next generation and beyond.

We best not focus on money; we best focus on each other before we lose each other, before we lose "the Oneida."

We've had rabbits invading our garden. Fifty years later my slingshot skills are still alive as there is now one less rabbit to worry about. I impressed myself, but I've also realized the skills that I have to pass on. Lord help me, help us!



Leah Dodge, Owner & Editor of OneidaEye.com, at the July 1, 2013 GTC Meeting coordinating the signature gathering for the petition sponsored by Frank Cornelius to dissolve Oneida Seven Generations Corporation (OSGC).

The BC is scheduled to receive Legal, Legislative and Financial analyses of the dissolution petition at the August 28, 2013 BC Regular Meeting which is open to the public and the media.

OneidaEye.com is providing coverage of that topic as well as Brian Doxtator's petition to remove Chairman Ed Delgado which many believe is an attempt to protect OSGC from GTC.

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**Vice-Chair Greg Matson** sent out a memo on July 17, 2013 saying that some BC members were violating some laws, and yet Matson does not say what the violations are. It leaves the Oneida Times to have to ask: Is it the double billing by **Greg Matson** that was uncovered in a housing investigation? Is it that **Councilman Brandon Stevens** (a habitual criminal convicted for battery and felony burglary) uses the Tribal BC credit card for his TV & personal purchases? Is it that **Councilman Paul Ninham** hasn't made good on an \$85,000 loan possibly from Oneida Bay Bank? What exactly is it Mr. Vice-Chair? If you do not come forward and you instead withhold information of wrongdoing by the Business Committee, then you become **the Chair of Vice**. • Meanwhile, **Richard Summers Sr.** retired from the Senior Lunch center and is newly employed in housekeeping where he generated a false and vicious rumor about the Chairman of the Tribe and one of his Senior Policy Advisors. Yet when the head of housekeeping sought Richard's confirmation, Richard would not stand up for his story. Meanwhile the false rumor was fueled by **Councilwoman Melinda Danforth's** office worker, **Lisa "the Leaker" Summers** on a Facebook Community Chat page calling for an investigation of incidents that didn't even happen. • For the Tribe's **Corrupt Ones** who believe they're entitled to more than their share of Tribal members' money it's been hard times since 2011, when a clear-minded & honest Tribal Chairman set about following laws and supporting General Tribal Council. The Corrupt Ones have been livid. Example: the Board Chairman of Thornberry Creek wasn't renewed because she and her crew spent at least \$50,000 dollars entertaining themselves, their families and BC friends like **Trish King, Tehassi Hill, Paul Ninham** and more...food and drinks, golf, golf carts, and pro shop. • **Gaming Commissioner Shirley Hill** gave a pass to her daughter, **Liane F. Melchert**, who works in Casino Surveillance after her conviction on **11-09-2012** for 'criminal possession/illegally obtained prescription' (**Brown Co. Case Number 2012CM1605**). Gaming Regulations require that Melchert's gaming license be revoked. It's absolutely vulgar. Surely, Shirley, there must be a handbook of some sort that will assist you in following the law and protecting the Tribe's gaming operation. • **Councilman Melinda Danforth's** office supports getting rid of the GTC stipends and does it by putting her staff on the front line using **Lisa Summers** in 2011 to fight against the first budget and misinform the GTC by saying the BC had no priorities, and to continue to try to diminish the GTC by attacking the stipend that allows people to attend. And because Danforth's office is the fountain of leaks to her apparent Campaign Chair, **Brian Doxtator**, Norbert Hill staffers must wear GIANT GALOSHES when passing by because it's so leaky. Drip, drip, drip. . . .