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## **MCK Issues Notice**

## For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 14, Onerahtókha/April 2005) It has come to the attention of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) that community members have been recently approached to engage in the smuggling people across the border into the United States. It is not the first time the issue has arisen, and several local people have been convicted of this crime in the past.

"In the aftermath of 9/11, there are more and more obstacles put in the way of our people when we cross the border," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "Every time one of our people engages in this despicable practice, law-abiding Kahnawa'kehró:non face the distinct possibility of having increased difficulty when crossing the border (into the United States). I condemn this type of activity, not only on the community's behalf, but on a personal level."

The MCK wishes to remind the community that all Kahnawa'kehró:non must remain vigilant and work together in the effort to combat this problem. Community members are strongly encouraged to report any suspicious behavior to the Kahnawá:ke Peacekeepers at either (450) 632-6505 or at the Crime Stoppers tip line at 632-2802.

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