

Fugitive John Canadyan in U.S. Custody

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The Kahnawake Peacekeepers would like to inform the community of the capture of fugitive John Canadyan. The 54 year-old Canadyan was apprehended late yesterday afternoon in the U.S. by the Department of Homeland Security. He is currently being held in the State of New York.

A warrant was issued in the state of Massachusetts after Canadyan failed to appear on charges of indecent assault and battery on an 11 year-old girl.

The suspect was positively identified in Kahnawake by the Peacekeepers. The Revere Police Department was contacted and working with the Peacekeepers on obtaining an extradition order, when he fled the community.

"We were working with the Massachusetts District Attorney's Office, the Department of Homeland Security and the Revere Police Department once we found out the suspect was in Kahnawake," said Chief Peacekeeper Dwayne Zacharie. "Due to the complexities of this case, we could not just move in and arrest the suspect. He was wanted in the U.S. and we had to work with several departments and levels of jurisdiction," added Zacharie.

U.S. Authorities will now try to have Canadyan extradited from New York to Massachusetts.

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