

GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Supplementary Statement Form

Statement from Gordon Lee Mc Lester by Det. Sgt. Anderson

four or five people on the inside trying to keep the door shut. As far as ^{to me} I know there was no contact between me & any of the people on the inside. As I went in I had papers in my hand that I was to give to all of the employees. I gave the papers to most of the people inside & as I came back to the door I had first entered, all of the people that had been holding the door shut had gone into a room & locked the door. I hid the papers under this door for them. I was told by Sgt. Anderson that a Shirley Metcalf was filing charges against me for battery. I do not know this woman personally & I do not remember having any contact with her. We had an agreement before we went to the warehouse that there would be no physical contact what so ever. We stayed at the warehouse & told the people that we were going to have an inventory & would be open for business the next morning. They were told ^{by the papers} that they could go home & could return to work at that time. I had no conversation with anyone after that so I did not know if anyone was hurt. I want to add that on June 30th at 4:30, our members were inside of the warehouse when Barbara arrived she told them that they had to leave. They left with no problems at this time. Lee Mc Lester has read the above two page statement & found it true to the best of my knowledge. I sign of my own free will, & sign only to the fact that I had no physical contact with the complainant when I entered the building. Lee Mc Lester

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GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date 7-3-82 Time 8:56 A.m Statement of Gordon Lee McKeeter III

I, _____ Age 42 DOB: 8-20-39

Address 266 Reformatory Rd City Oncida

State Wisconsin, give the following voluntary statement

to Det. Sgt. Anderson:

I came into the Police station as requested by Sgt. LaPointe & wish to give Sgt. Anderson my side of the story of the disturbance at the Oncida tobacco warehouse. I am the Tribal Secretary of the Oncida tribe of Indians. Barbara Shevandre is the Manager of Oncida tobacco Interprises & her office is located at the tobacco warehouse. On June 30th 1982, I personally gave Barbara a notice from the Oncida Tribal Business Committee to the Oncida Tribal Development Corp of who Barbara is an employee of. The notice stated that on July 1st 1982 that the operation would be under the direction of the Oncida Tribal Business Committee. The notice also stated that a staff would be sent to the warehouse to do an inventory at 4:30 P.m on June 30th 1982. Barbara would not let the staff inside the building. At 11:00 A.M on July 1st 1982 three of us from the Committee went to the address & asked Barbara to vacate the premises, she refused so we left. At 3:15 P.m of this same day five members of the business committee went to the warehouse. We walked up to the door & a gentleman came up to us (without identifying himself) & told us to leave. Barbara then came out the door so I proceeded to go inside, Barbara tried to shut the door along with some people on the inside, I stuck my foot in the door to stop it from closing. I saw a lot of hands on the door & as it came open I proceeded into the building. I saw approximately

Gordon Lee McKeeter III
 (Signature)



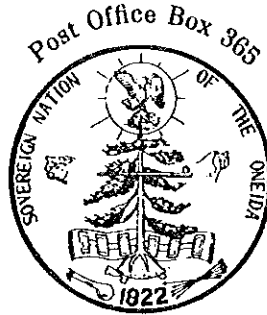
Onondagas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

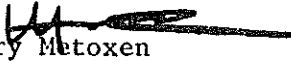
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--MEMORANDUM--

TO: Oneida Business Committee, copies to Law Office and Tribal Administrator

FROM: Chairman, Gary Metoxen 

DATE: July 6, 1982

SUBJECT: OTE Transfer

On July 1, 1982, I was attending a Wisconsin Indian Economic Development Seminar in Racine, Wisconsin.

At approximately 9:45 A.M., Tribal Secretary Gordy McLester informed me that OTE Manager was refusing to allow the Tribe to take inventory of that Enterprise and was refusing the Tribal Government transfer of that enterprise under the Tribal Management System. He suggested that I return back to Oneida to assist in this transfer procedure. I left Racine at 10:00 A.M. and arrived at Oneida at 1:00 P.M.

At 1:30 P.M., a meeting was called to order where I was briefed and updated on the OTE transfer. After a lengthy discussion we, the Business Committee unanimously agreed to take control of that Enterprise on behalf of the Tribal government.

The four (4) officers of the Tribe, along with councilmember Mark Powless decided to go to the main warehouse. Councilmember Frank Cornelius proceeded to the Freedom Outlet; Tony Benson went to the Mason Street outlet and Howard Cannon to the Oneida outlet. All members arrived at 3:15 P.M.

After arriving at the warehouse, we were greeted by Barbara Skenandore and her attorney. As we approached the door 3/4 of her staff were at the entrance. She ordered the door closed and after a very brief resistance the Oneida Business Committee peacefully occupied the building. We immediately notified all employees and staff that their jobs were not in jeopardy and they will be duly compensated for any lost time and they should report to Kathy Hughes who will be the Interim OTE Manager.

The former manager decided to resist this transfer and along with four staff members locked herself in an office at the warehouse. She then called the news media on this Tribal government affair. A short time later two responsible Tribal members volunteered to talk with Barbara. After a short discussion the occupiers peacefully vacated the building.

An inventory was immediately ordered and the next morning, July 2, 1982, the OTE was reopened .

One last note: The Business Committee made it very clear that we would not precipitate anything that would lead to a physical confrontation.