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32 Charges filed including Extortion

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In Cayuga today we filed a total of 32 charges against 8 different people. These charges include Mischief, Intimidation, Extortion and being a member of a Riot.

Extortion:

Extortion charges were filed against various people for the illegal occupation in Cayuga in May 2008 and the illegal occupation in Hagersville in May 2007.

Member of a Riot:

The peaceful protest by residents on Dec. 1, 2007 was met by repeated acts of assault, threats and intimidation by Native Protesters. At one point Native Protesters blocked Argyle St. with a hydro tower while one Native person decided to drive down to the protest site for the purpose of assaulting Gary McHale. The road remained blocked for several hours while several OPP officers were assaulted. The mayhem caused by this Native person created a Riot situation.

Mischief & Intimidation:

Mischief charges are laid whenever anyone blocks a construction site. Intimidation occurs when a highway is blocked to force a developer to stop his construction site. The charges laid today were in relation to the construction site in Cayuga.

Stirling Woods:

Next week charges will be laid for the illegal occupation in Sept. 2007 at the Stirling Woods Development in Caledonia which resulted in the near death attack upon Sam Gaultieri. The charges will be filed against approx. 1 dozen protesters and will include Extortion, Mischief and Intimidation.

Court date to hear above charges is mid-August.