Jeffrey Smith,
Appellant

v.

APP 00-03

People of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Respondent

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals

Argued August 21, 2000 Decided and Filed November 28, 2000

Appellant appeals several convictions from the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court alleging that he was deprived of his right to counsel. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court.

Jeffrey Smith, represented himself.

James Bias, represented the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Before: CASTAGNE, GABLE, and HARPER, Appellate Judges.

CASTAGNE, C., delivered the opinion of the court, in which GABLE, J. joined. HARPER, D., dissented.

OPINION

CASTAGNE, Appellate Judge.

At a session of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals on August 21, 2000, the Court heard oral arguments from both parties. Appellant, Mr. Smith brought several issues on appeal. The only issue which this Court considers meritorious is whether Appellant was denied the right counsel. See Libby v. People, 1 Sault App. 1. The Court holds that the Appellant was not denied the right to counsel.

Therefore, this Court affirms the trial court decisions

HARPER, D. dissenting.

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Hon. Catherine Castagne