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**TWO CHARGED WITH INSURANCE FRAUD
AGAINST PECHANGA TRIBE**

An indictment charging two men with defrauding the Pechanga Tribe out of more than \$4 million was unsealed in Riverside County Superior Court today.

James William Riley, 46, and Ryan Jay Robinson, 39, were both taken into custody on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Riley served as insurance broker for a majority of the insurance for the Pechanga Tribe and has been indicted by a Riverside County grand jury for grand theft, commercial bribery and money laundering during the 2006–2007 insurance year. Robinson, former chief financial officer for the Pechanga Resort & Casino and Tribal Government Center, was indicted by the same grand jury for grand theft and commercial bribery during the same timeframe.

"People may assume that as large amounts of money change hands illegally the corporations involved and law enforcement might not notice," District Attorney Rod Pacheco stated. "They're wrong. They will be caught and they will be prosecuted."

"The integrity of our Tribe and operations is paramount to Pechanga, which is why we moved swiftly to conduct a thorough independent investigation and provide all of the evidence we gathered to law enforcement," Pechanga Tribal Chairman Mark Macarro said. "We have a profound respect for the rule of law, thus we will continue to fully assist law enforcement with this investigation."

The indictment states that Riley took advantage of the precarious circumstances within the insurance market created by Hurricane Katrina by misrepresenting the amounts of insurance premiums. In doing so he overcharged the Pechanga Development Center by more than \$4 million.

The indictment further states that Robinson received a kick-back from Riley of more than \$100,000 dollars in exchange for overlooking Riley's actions. The money that Riley gave Robinson was moved through multiple accounts before being withdrawn in the form of cashier's checks.

The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 42 at the Riverside Hall of Justice. The case, RIF10000395, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jeanne Roy.

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