



**CPAWS WILDLANDS LEAGUE**

## **ACTION ALERT!**

### **Aboriginal Leaders Face Jail Time**

#### **Spreading Disputes Over First Nations Rights and Mining Claims**

*Thunder Bay, ON* – Spreading disputes between First Nations and mining companies may lead to jail time for Aboriginal leaders in northern Ontario pending the outcome of an Ontario Superior Court of Justice appearance last Friday. Chief Donnie Morris and other members of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI), an Aboriginal community in the Boreal Forest of Ontario, may be jailed for refusing to comply with an October, 2007 court ruling that allows Platinex Inc., a Toronto-based mineral exploration company, to begin drilling on KI traditional lands without protest or obstruction. KI had established a peaceful protest camp at the Platinex exploration site.

Following a full day of testimony at the courthouse, including six and a half hours of testimony by KI Chief Morris, the judge will carefully consider all he heard before handing down a sentence in this case, not expected until April.



A placard rests outside the Thunder Bay Courthouse as supporters listen to testimony.  
Photo: Anna Baggio

Join CPAWS Wildlands League and stand arm-in-arm to show your support for the people of KI. Send a letter to the Premier and Ministers, educate yourself on the issues on our website or visit the KI website and view the latest YouTube video by Chief Donnie Morris.

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