



Statement from the Nooksack Tribe

June 24, 2022

On June 16, 2022, the United States Supreme Court declined to hear a case in which Elile Adams, a former Nooksack tribal member, sued the Nooksack Tribal Court because they issued a warrant after she failed, more than a dozen times, to produce her children for supervised visits with their father.

Because there were so many lawsuits, aimed in so many directions, we are breaking this down into bullet points:

- Ms. Elile Adams was directed to produce her children for supervised visitation with their father by the Nooksack Tribal Court.
- Due to allegations by Ms. Adams the children's father submitted to, and was cleared by, a psychological assessment before visitations were scheduled.
- The scheduled visits with the father were to be supervised by the police, which is why her many failures to appear were well-documented.
- **After she failed to produce her children for supervised visits with their father over a dozen times, she was issued a warrant for failing to appear.**
- Ms. Adams filed a lawsuit against the Nooksack Tribal Court for issuing this warrant.
- Ms. Adams relinquished her Nooksack membership to avoid the Nooksack Tribal Court orders to produce her children for supervised visits with their father.
- Ms. Adams was represented in these lawsuits by Attorney Gabriel Galanda, who has filed more than 2 dozen similar frivolous suits against the Tribe.
- For more than a decade Attorney Gabriel Galanda has used frivolous lawsuits to attack the Nooksack Tribe and has used Twitter to levy countless attacks on the Nooksack Tribe, our Tribal members, including personal attacks on individual employees. He has shared our employees' personal contact information and recently threatened a Tribal member who emailed a statement to a reporter, with a libel suit.



- Ms. Adams, represented by Attorney Gabriel Galanda, also filed frivolous suits against the Nooksack Tribe, the Tribal Court, individual Tribal Court employees, Tribal Court Judges, individual Whatcom County officials who booked Ms. Adams into jail or who run the jail, and the two Nooksack Tribal police officers who served her warrant. These multiple lawsuits were all an attempt by Ms. Adams and her attorney to avoid prosecution for *failing to have court-ordered visits with their father*.
- Ms. Adams lost at every level, then she and her attorney asked the US Supreme Court to take this case on. They declined.

These frivolous lawsuits have cost the Nooksack Tribe and Whatcom County thousands of dollars and wasted valuable resources that could have been better spent to serve our constituents.

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