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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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### **Councilwoman faces three counts in Tribal Court**

**(Nespelem, WA)-** Councilwoman Melissa Louis-Williams is facing three charges in the Colville Tribal Court: misuse of public funds, theft and fraudulent credit card use.

The three counts are Class B offenses, which combined are punishable by a maximum sentence of 540 days and/or a total \$7500 fine.

According to the complaint, filed on September 19, Williams “used a Colville Tribes Credit card without authority and paid for her personal auto insurance.” The charges allege an unauthorized credit card use in the amount of \$130.59. The Colville Business Council has suspended the use of this card.

The Colville Tribes provides this information for the purpose of transparency with its membership on a CBC-related matter.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,338 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelem, the San Poil, the Lake, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph’s Bands.