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## COURTHOUSE RECEIVES SACRED EAGLE FEATHER FOR OATHS

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Indigenous people swearing an oath at the Perth courthouse will now have the option of holding a sacred eagle feather.

"It's an important day for all of us," said Algonquin Elder Dan Ross of the Pikwakanagan First Nation near Golden Lake, during an interview with The Perth Courier before the ceremony where the feather was presented on Wednesday, Jan. 26. "It's about the OPP, the court and the

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Algonquin Elder Dan Ross (left) and OPP Cons. David Lavolette hold a smudging ceremony in front of the Perth courthouse on Wednesday, Jan. 26, after receiving a sacred eagle feather from the Elder for such purposes.

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