

**Karuk Tribe of California
PRESS RELEASE**

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Somes Bar, CA – Fire crews from Orleans and Somes Bar were dispatched to a structural fire at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, July 2, 2006 at the Karuk ceremonial area of Katimin in Somes Bar, California.

A ceremonial dance house was destroyed and has been deemed a total loss. The fire is currently under investigation and a cause has not yet been determined. The Karuk Tribal Council is working closely with law enforcement agencies to aid in the investigative process.

The Brush Dance scheduled for July 27, 2006 in Happy Camp has been moved up to July 20, 2006 and the Katimin Brush Dance will not take place.

On Friday, July 7, 2006 the Karuk Tribal Council met in an emergency session to discuss this incident and approved a plan to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this destruction. Details regarding the reward will be released separately.

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