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RAMAH NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE - Yesterday in federal court, a federal judge sentenced Kerley K. Biggs, 22, to a 46 month prison sentence for his assault with a deadly weapon conviction. Biggs, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Ramah, N.M., will be on supervised release for three years after he completes his prison sentence.

On Sept. 27, 2011, Biggs was indicted and charged with (1) assault with a dangerous weapon, and (2) assault resulting in serious bodily injury. According to the indictment, the assault occurred on September 25, 2010 on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Cibola County, N.M.

On Jan. 24, 2012, Biggs plead guilty to Count 1 of the indictment, and admitted assaulting another Navajo man by beating him about the head and face with a metal expandable baton at Biggs' residence in Ramah. As a result of the assault, the victim required medical treatment for numerous injuries to his head, left cheek and left eye. The victim sustained a significant wound to the back of his head that required 12 staples to repair.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, Ramah Navajo Division, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul H. Spiers, who prosecuted the case.

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