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**ACOMA PUEBLO MAN ARRESTED ON
FEDERAL CHILD SEX ABUSE CHARGE**

ALBUQUERQUE – Yesterday, the BIA arrested Terrence Kie, 34, a member and resident of Acoma Pueblo, on an indictment charging him with abusive sexual contact. This morning, Kie made his initial appearance in federal court in Albuquerque. He remains in custody pending arraignment and a detention hearing scheduled for Sept. 17, 2012.

The indictment alleges that, on Aug. 9, 2011, Kie had sexual contact with a child who had not attained the age of 12 by intentionally touching and attempting to touch the child's clothed genitalia. According to the indictment, the alleged offense occurred in Indian Country within Cibola County, N.M.

If convicted of the offense alleged in the indictment, Kie faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the BIA, Office of Justice Services, Southern Pueblos Agency, and the Acoma Tribal Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Niki Tapia-Brito.

Charges in indictments are only accusations. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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