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Man Charged with Assaults

ALBUQUERQUE - Farron Pat Foster, 29, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on March 5, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with Assault With a Dangerous Weapon and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. The possible penalty for each charge if convicted is 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Upper Fruitland, New Mexico, within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. Trial is pending.

The indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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