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Men Charged with Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury

Monteo Ruiz, 23, and Alexander Hardin, 21, both enrolled members of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on March 18 and 19, 2010, respectively, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and Aiding and Abetting. The possible penalty for each if convicted is 10 years imprisonment. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Navajo, New Mexico, within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation.

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

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