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Man Charged with Maiming, Felony Child Abuse, and Assault

Eric Begay, 23, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on March 31, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to a superceding indictment charging him with Maiming, Felony Child Abuse, and two counts of Assault. The possible penalty if convicted is 20 years imprisonment, to be followed by a term of supervised release. The charges relate to the abuse of the defendant's 9 month old daughter which occurred within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. Trial is set for June 7, 2010.

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

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