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## **KAIBETO, ARIZ. COUPLE CHARGED WITH FELONY CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AND DETAINED PENDING TRIAL**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – Julius Crank, 41; and Sally Begay, 48, both of Kaibeto, Ariz., were detained by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark E. Aspey pending their trial in Phoenix federal court for felony criminal contempt. Crank and Begay were charged with criminal contempt by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow for their failure to appear as witnesses on September 22, 2009, in a criminal trial.

Failure to appear as a witness after being served with a subpoena in a federal criminal case is treated as obstructing justice and will result in a jury trial for Crank and Begay. They will be held in custody as flight risks until their trial which will be set at a later date in Phoenix. In detaining the couple, the court noted their previous history of non-appearance in various courts.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department in Tuba City, Ariz. The prosecution is being handled by the U. S. Attorney's Offices in Flagstaff and Phoenix.

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