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Red Lake man sentenced for assaulting woman

A 28-year-old Red Lake man was sentenced yesterday in federal court for nearly strangling a woman to death in February on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

On Dec. 22 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge David Doty sentenced Kyle Wayne Garrigan, Sr., to 41 months in prison and three years supervised release on one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Garrigan was indicted on May 20 and pleaded guilty on June 23.

According to Garrigan's plea agreement, he admitted assaulting the adult victim on Feb. 14, strangling her to the point that petechia hemorrhaging appeared on her eyes, behind her ears and on her neck. Garrigan also admitted that he struck the victim an unknown number of times with his hands, fists and feet causing bruises to her back, legs and arms.

Garrigan admitted he strangled the victim to the point where she went limp and almost lost consciousness, and that as a result of the assault, she suffered extreme physical pain.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the Red Lake Police Department responded to the victim's residence. Upon their entrance, officers were met by a woman screaming that she was being beaten up. Garrigan followed the woman into the room, and was arrested.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Red Lake Police Department and the FBI, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tricia A. Tingle.