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## **Red Lake man pleads guilty to burglary, assault charges**

A 48-year-old Red Lake man pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to using a machete in an assault and multiple burglary charges.

Robin Greg Kelly Sr. pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree burglary and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. Kelly entered his plea Jan. 15 in St. Paul before United States District Court Judge Richard Kyle. Kelly was indicted on April 8, 2008.

According to Kelly's plea agreement, he admitted that on Dec. 22, 2007, he entered the residence of his estranged wife and assaulted her. Then on April 2, 2008, Kelly again entered the woman's residence and assaulted her by running after her with a machete and cutting her finger.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, during the early morning of April 2, officers were called to a residence regarding an alleged assault. Kelly had kicked in a door and had proceeded to threaten three women with a machete. Following a struggle, all three women were able to escape.

Kelly, however, remained in the home, where he engaged in a standoff with authorities. Kelly eventually surrendered.

Kelly faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each of the burglary counts and 10 years on the assault count. Judge Kyle will determine Kelly's sentence at a future date.

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