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Two men plead guilty in unrelated Red Lake assault cases

Two Red Lake men recently pleaded guilty in federal court in unrelated cases involving assaults on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

In the first case, Ronald Dean Oakgrove Sr., 42, pleaded guilty to one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Oakgrove entered his plea today in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge John Tunheim. Oakgrove was charged on Jan. 13, 2009.

According to Oakgrove's plea agreement, he admitted that on Dec. 15, 2008, he assaulted a victim and also admitted that he poured scalding water and food upon the victim's head, neck, shoulders and arms. As a result of the assault, the victim suffered extreme physical pain.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, on Dec. 15 Oakgrove grabbed a pot of boiling water, grease and beef, and dumped it over the victim's head. Oakgrove then left the residence saying, "I hope you die!"

The victim was treated for third-degree burn injuries to her head, shoulders, arms and back. Oakgrove was arrested Dec. 16 by the Red Lake Police Department.

Oakgrove faces a potential maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine Oakgrove's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Red Lake Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.

In the second case, Keith Michael Beaulieu, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. He entered his plea on April 2 in Minneapolis before Judge Tunheim. Beaulieu was charged on Dec. 16, 2008.

According to Beaulieu's plea agreement, he admitted that on March 24, 2008, he did assault an adult female by driving a car into a car driven by the victim and forcing her vehicle off the road into a ditch.

Beaulieu faces a potential maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine Beaulieu's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the Red Lake Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is also being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Wardlaw.