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**Fort Totten Man found Guilty of  
Sexually Abusing a Minor Female Girl**

**GRAND FORKS** - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on November 6, 2008, **Galen Jerry Robertson** of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was found guilty by a 12-person jury of aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact. United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson presided over the trial.

**Robertson**, 31, was found guilty of sexually abusing a 17-year-old female and using force in an attempt to have her engage in a sexual act with him. The incident occurred on September 16, 2007, on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

**Robertson** and another male individual, who were both acquainted with the girl, took her to a rural area. All three had been drinking alcohol. They entered an old school bus that had been converted into a camper, where **Robertson** forcibly removed the girl's pants and underwear in an attempt to engage in a sexual act with her. The girl struggled and screamed for him to stop. She was able to get **Robertson** to stop and he took her home shortly thereafter.

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The girl was taken to Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake for an examination. DNA analysis revealed **Robertson's** DNA found on the girl's underwear.

The charge of aggravated sexual abuse carries a statutory maximum penalty of life imprisonment and the charge of abusive sexual contact carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Fort Totten Police Department.

Sentencing for **Robertson** has been scheduled for January 16, 2009, in United States District Court in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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