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**Fort Totten Man Sentenced to Prison for
Beating His Cousin with a Lamp**

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on December 22, 2008, **Milo Blaine Whitetail** of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Whitetail, 45, pleaded guilty on October 9, 2008, to beating his cousin, Calvin Whiteman, causing substantial facial fractures which resulted in the loss of vision in one eye. On the evening of March 9, 2008, Whiteman and Whitetail were consuming alcohol together on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation. In the early morning hours of March 10th, after Whiteman had fallen asleep in a chair, Whitetail, without provocation, began to strike Whiteman in the face with his fist. Whitetail then grabbed a heavy wooden-based lamp from a nearby table and smashed it into Whiteman's face, causing severe facial fractures and loss of consciousness. Whiteman was required to undergo facial reconstruction surgery in Rochester, Minnesota.

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Judge Erickson sentenced **Whitetail** to 5 years and 11 months' imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. **Whitetail** was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$124,764.35 to Indian Health Services and \$3,000 to Calvin Whiteman. **Whitetail** was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

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

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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