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**Fort Totten Man Sentenced for
Sexually Abusing a Minor Female**

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on February 18, 2009, **Galen Jerry Robertson** of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on charges of aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact.

Robertson, 32, was found guilty by a 12-person jury on November 6, 2008, 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.

Judge Erickson sentenced **Robertson** to 12 years' imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release. **Robertson** was ordered to pay a \$200 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 Brett Shasky prosecuted the case.

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