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Belcourt Man Sentenced for Assault

MINOT - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on February 25, 2009, **Kevin J. Nadeau**, 26, of Belcourt, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland, having been found guilty by a federal jury on September 25, 2008, on a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury and a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Nadeau** to serve four years and three months in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, on each charge, to be served concurrently. **Nadeau** was ordered to pay restitution for medical expenses in the amount of \$26,011.86 and to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

On the evening of November 8, 2007, **Nadeau** was at his home north of Belcourt. He became concerned when a car was seen near his home. He incorrectly assumed that the people in the car were there to harass his family. The car left the area and **Nadeau** pursued it with his vehicle. **Nadeau** flashed his lights and the car pulled over. The driver of the car approached **Nadeau's** vehicle to see what he wanted.

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Nadeau assaulted the driver of the other vehicle by hitting him with a metal pipe. The victim suffered a fracture to his cheekbone which required surgical repair.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Turtle Mountain Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys Brandi Sasse Russell and David Hagler prosecuted the case.

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