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Fort Totten Man Found Guilty of Sexual Abuse Charges

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on May 19, 2009, **Anthony Charboneau, III**, 34, of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was found guilty by a federal jury on charges of sexual abuse of a minor and abusive sexual contact.

Between September 2002 and March 2003, **Charboneau** engaged in a sexual act with a child, who was between 12-16 years of age. In a separate incident between November 2007 and July 2008, **Charboneau** engaged in sexual contact with another child, who was between 12-16 years of age. Both incidents occurred on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Sexual abuse of a minor carries a statutory maximum penalty of 15 years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Abusive sexual contact carries a statutory maximum penalty of two years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Red River Valley Children's Advocacy Center.

Sentencing for **Charboneau** has not been scheduled.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme is prosecuting the case.