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**Man Charged with Aggravated Sexual Abuse and Abusive Sexual Contact**

Diego Sandoval, 52, an enrolled member of the San Felipe Tribe, appeared in federal court on March 16, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with Aggravated Sexual Abuse and Abusive Sexual Contact. The possible penalty if convicted is life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and five years of supervised release. The charges relate to incidents that occurred on San Felipe Pueblo Reservation in New Mexico. Trial is pending.

The indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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