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Men Charged with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury

Gerald Begay, 33, and Virgil Martin, 35, both enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on April 22, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. The possible penalty for each count if convicted is 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a three year term of supervised release. The charges relate to an incident that occurred near Ojo Encino, New Mexico, within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. Trial is pending.

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

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