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Red Lake man sentenced for assaulting woman

Yesterday in federal court in Minneapolis, a 29-year-old Red Lake man was sentenced for assaulting a woman. United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim sentenced Orville Dean White, Jr., a member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, to 33 months in prison on one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. White was indicted on August 19, 2010, and pleaded guilty on December 20, 2010. In his plea agreement, White admitted that on May 1, 2010, he punched a female resident of the Red Lake Indian Reservation, breaking her nose.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Red Lake Tribal Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the Family Advocacy Center in Bemidji. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clifford B. Wardlaw.

Because the Red Lake Indian Reservation is a federal-jurisdiction reservation, some of the crimes that occur there are investigated by the FBI in conjunction with the Red Lake Tribal Police Department. Those cases are prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

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