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Redby fugitive surrenders

A Redby man wanted in connection with the November 3, 2010, killing of a man and the wounding of two others on the Red Lake Indian Reservation surrendered himself to authorities late last night. Cruze Anthony White, age 22, is scheduled to make his initial appearance at 3:30 p.m. today in federal court in Bemidji.

White was indicted last week, along with Donald Leigh Clark, Jr., age 22, also of Redby. They were charged with one count of second-degree murder, two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and one count of discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. The indictment alleges that on November 3, 2010, the defendants killed Julian Keith DeMarrias and assaulted DeMarrias's brother and another man.

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, the Red Lake Tribal Police Department responded to a reported shooting on November 3. They found three adult men in and around a vehicle, all with gunshot wounds. The men were taken to Indian Health Services, where Julian DeMarrias was pronounced dead.

The three men reportedly met Clark and White outside a store. They exited their vehicle, at which time Clark and White allegedly exited their own vehicle, assault rifles in hand, and began shooting. One victim was shot three times, while a second was shot six times. At the scene, police reportedly found 11 7.62 millimeter shell casings along with five expended shells from a 12-gauge shotgun.

On November 10, 2010, one week after the shooting, police found Clark's vehicle abandoned in an old graveyard in Redby. Clark was arrested in Redby on January 15, 2010. Authorities later found him hiding in the back seat of another vehicle, under a blanket.

If convicted, Clark and White face a potential maximum penalty of life in prison on the murder charge, 20 years on each assault with intent to commit murder count, ten years on the assault with a dangerous weapon charge, and a ten-year consecutive sentence on the discharge of a firearm charge. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Red Lake Tribal Police Department, with assistance from the Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being 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 U.S. Attorney's Office.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.