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**Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictments**

United States Attorney Gregory J. Fouratt announced that a federal grand jury in Albuquerque returned indictments on May 12, 2009, against the following individuals for crimes allegedly committed in Indian Country:

**Ivan Begay** has been charged with one count sexual abuse which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Ivan Begay has also been charged with one count of assault with a dangerous weapon which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The offenses allegedly occurred on or about April 17, 2009, in the District of New Mexico. The case is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Rozzoni.

**Carl Ernesto Romero** has been charged with one count each of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. Each of these counts carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Carl Ernesto Romero has also been charged with one count of use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence which carries a maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Carl Ernesto Romero has also been charged with one count of first degree murder which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The offenses allegedly occurred on or about April 11, 2009, in the District of New Mexico. The case is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rumaldo Armijo.

**Montoya Johnson, Jr.**, has been charged with one count of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Each of these counts carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The offenses allegedly occurred on or about April 17, 2009, in the District of New Mexico. The case is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle Nayback.

**Lionel Tallwood** has been charged with one count of involuntary manslaughter which carries a maximum penalty of 8 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The offense allegedly occurred on or about April 5, 2007, in the District of New Mexico. The case is assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Burkhead.

The indictments are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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