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Woman Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter

ALBUQUERQUE - Rhiannon Yazzie, 22, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on February 17, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging her with Involuntary Manslaughter. The possible penalty if convicted is 8 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release. The charge relates to an incident that occurred within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. Trial is pending.

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

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