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PRESS RELEASE

NAVAJO NATION MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT FOLLOWING FEBRUARY INCIDENT

SALT LAKE CITY – Donovan Ray Silas, age 37, of Montezuma Creek, Utah, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, has been charged with assault while within Indian Country in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury Wednesday afternoon.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest. The case is being investigated by special agents of the FBI and Navajo Nation criminal investigators and officers.

The charges stem from an alleged assault which occurred on the Navajo Nation Reservation during the early morning hours of Feb. 22, 2011. The indictment alleges the assault resulted in serious bodily injury to the victim, who was treated at the Montezuma Creek Clinic.

The potential penalty for the charge in the indictment is up to 10 years in federal prison. Indictments are not findings of guilt. Individuals charged in indictments are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.

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