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**PINE HILL MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL  
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Brianjun Begay**, 23, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Pine Hill, N.M., was sentenced to 37 months in prison for his conviction for sexually abusing a minor. Begay will be on supervised release for three years after he completes his sentencing. He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Begay was charged in an indictment on May 11, 2011 with sexual abusive contact. On June 6, 2011, Begay was arrested and has been in federal custody since his arrest.

On July 14, 2011, Begay pled guilty to the charges in the indictment. In his plea agreement, Begay admitted that, on December 30, 2005, he intentionally touched the genitalia and breasts of a female child who was older than 12 years old but had not yet turned 16 years old. Begay admitted using force when touching the child and that he engaged in this unlawful conduct to gratify his sexual desires.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shana B. Long.

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