

Navajo man sentenced for federal child abuse conviction

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ALBUQUERQUE – Julian King, 31, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Vanderwagen, N.M., was sentenced May 23 in federal court in Albuquerque, N.M., to 24 months in prison for his conviction on a federal child abuse charge. King will be on supervised release for a year after completing his prison sentence.

King was charged by felony information on Jan. 19, 2017, with abusing a child abuse from March 1, 2011 through April 13, 2011, on the Navajo Indian Reservation in McKinley County, N.M.

King pled guilty to the information on Jan. 19, 2017. In entering the guilty plea, King admitted that between March 12, 2011 and April 6, 2011 he abused a seven-month old infant by striking the infant on the head and causing the infant's head to strike a wall. King further admitted that the instances of abuse were intentional and with enough force to cause injury to the child.

This case was investigated by the Gallup office of the FBI and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Marshall.