

Pinehill man receives 10-year prison sentence for double fatality DWI accident

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ALBUQUERQUE – Tracey Beaver, 38, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Pinehill, N.M., was sentenced Aug. 1 in federal court in Santa Fe, N.M., to 60 months of imprisonment on each of two counts of involuntary manslaughter to run consecutively for a total of 120 months of imprisonment. Beaver will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence.

Beaver was arrested on Sept. 24, on a criminal complaint charging him with involuntary manslaughter. According to the complaint, Beaver killed two victims when he crashed his vehicle on Sept. 9, on the Ramah Navajo Indian Reservation in Cibola County, N.M. At the time of the crash, Beaver was driving under the influence of alcohol.

On Nov. 16, 2016, Beaver pled guilty to a felony information charging him with two counts of involuntary manslaughter. In entering the guilty plea, Beaver admitted killing the two victims by driving recklessly while under the influence of alcohol. Beaver acknowledged that the alcohol rendered him incapable of exercising clear judgment and a steady hand in operating the vehicle.

This case was investigated by the Gallup office of the FBI, the New Mexico State Police and the Ramah Navajo Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas Marshall.