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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. –Judge Stephen M. McNamee has sentenced Gary Cody Francis, 55, of Chinle, Ariz., to 156 months in federal prison, followed by lifetime supervised release. Francis had previously pleaded guilty to one count of abusive sexual contact with a minor.

On Sept. 8, 2016, Francis, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, knowingly engaged in sexual contact with the minor victim, who is also an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Navajo Division of Public Safety Criminal Investigations. The prosecution was handled by Christina Covault, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.