## Whippoorwill man sentenced for abusive sexual contact

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PHOENIX, Ariz. – Romondo Begay, 23, of Whippoorwill, Ariz., was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 108 months' imprisonment on Oct. 31, to be followed by a 12-year term of supervised release with sex offender registration, treatment, and testing.

Begay had previously pleaded guilty to abusive sexual contact of a child.

In December of 2017, the victim reported that Begay had sexually abused her outside a relative's house. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation promptly began an investigation, which led to Begay's arrest and prosecution. Begay and the victim are both members of the Navajo Nation, and the abuse occurred within the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney William G. Voit, District of Arizona, Phoenix.