

Navajo man charged in shooting incident

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ALBUQUERQUE— Ferlando Wadsworth, 38, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court Nov. 5 to face charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, discharging a firearm during a crime of violence and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On Oct. 14, Wadsworth allegedly met with two associates to purchase food stamps. When one of them refused to get into a vehicle with him, he brandished a shotgun and followed her to back to a vehicle driven by a second woman. When she tried to drive away, Wadsworth allegedly tried to open the door and fired at the vehicle.

Then he fled.

The incident took place on the Navajo Nation. Wadsworth is a previously convicted felon. Possession of a firearm or ammunition could lead to up to 10 years in prison, if he is convicted.

The FBI and the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations investigated this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick T. Mendenhall is prosecuting the case.