FBI fights hate crime using the Navajo language

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The FBI kicked off a three-month campaign on Facebook using a color photo of the Window Rock arch with a message in Navajo encouraging victims and witnesses of hate crimes to contact the FBI.

"Our message is clear and simple: Hate has no place on the Navajo Nation or anywhere else," Special Agent in Charge Raul Bujanda of the Albuquerque FBI Division said. "For those more comfortable communicating in Navajo, we hope this outreach encourages them to call us or go online if they are aware of a hate crime."

The ad is expected to run through the end of the year.

The FBI has also posted anti-hate crime messages in the Navajo language on Twitter and gave a radio interview on the topic that was translated into Navajo.

In addition, the FBI has translated more than a dozen posters seeking information about unsolved homicides and missing person cases into Navajo



Those posters can be found at: https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/indian-country

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Victims or witnesses of hate crimes are urged to call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or go online to <u>tips.fbi.gov</u>.