

Leupp man sentenced 22 years for child sex abuse

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PHOENIX – On Dec. 18, Marvin Benally, 47, of Leupp, Ariz., and a member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 264 months in prison followed by lifetime supervised release and sex offender conditions. Benally had previously pleaded guilty to abusive sexual contact of a child.

The case involved Benally repeatedly sexually abusing a child, who was between the ages of 11 and 12 at the time and also a member of the Navajo Nation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Navajo Nation Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.