

Man arrested for abduction, death of young Navajo girl

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A Waterflow, N.M., man was arrested Tuesday in connection with the abduction and death of 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike.

Tom Begaye, 27, is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge B. Paul Briones in Farmington on Wednesday.

Ashlynnne's body was found Tuesday morning approximately 6 miles south of the Shiprock Monument. She had been abducted in the Fruitland area

Monday
afternoon.

The FBI is investigating this case with the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, New Mexico State Police, San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Farmington Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service.

No further information will be released until after Begaye's court appearance.

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye issued a statement Tuesday evening following the arrest of Tom Begaye.

"Our Nation has just gone through a tragic event," he said. "I am pleased to know that both Navajo and outside law enforcement were able to work together and share information. This led to the arrest of an individual who is believed to have caused a horrendous crime on one of our Navajo children."

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