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ALBUQUERQUE – Sheldon Livingston, 22, of Pinedale, N.M., and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was arraigned in federal court on a charge of aggravated sexual abuse on March 7.

A federal grand jury indicted Livingston on Feb. 24. According to the indictment and other court records, during December 2020, Livingston allegedly engaged in a sexual act with a child who was under the age of 12. The assault allegedly took place in McKinley County on the Navajo Nation.

If convicted, Livingston faces a minimum of 30 years and up to life in prison, according to a news release.

The Gallup Resident Agency of the FBI Albuquerque Field Office investigated this case. Special Assistant United States Attorney Chelsea N. Van Deventer is prosecuting the case.