Mariano Lake man sentenced to five years in prison for manslaughter

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ALBUQUERQUE – Getting behind the wheel of an ATV while he was intoxicated led to one man accidentally killing his grandson.

Harrison Davis, 60, of Mariano Lake, and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced in federal court on April 26 to five years in prison for involuntary manslaughter in Indian Country. Davis pleaded guilty on May 10.

According to the plea agreement and other court records, on July 1, 2018, Davis was riding an ATV with his five-year-old grandson in McKinley County on the Navajo Nation. Davis was intoxicated at the time, causing him to crash.

Both Davis and his grandson were ejected. The grandson was not wearing a helmet and died at the scene from blunt head trauma.

Medical records show Davis' blood alcohol content was .278 three to four hours after the crash.

Upon his release from prison, Davis will be subject to three years of supervised release.

The Gallup Resident Agency of the FBI Albuquerque Field Office investigated this case.