

Zuni man charged with murder in Indian Country

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ALBUQUERQUE – A Zuni man was recently charged with murder in Indian Country.

According to a criminal complaint, Brian Wallace, an enrolled member of the Zuni Pueblo, allegedly killed a victim, identified as John Doe, and buried him at a residence on the Zuni Pueblo on an unknown date. The victim was an enrolled member of the Zuni Pueblo.

Alexander M.M. Uballez, United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, and Raul Bujanda, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Albuquerque Field Office, announced that Wallace, 44, made an initial appearance in federal court on Oct. 11 on a criminal complaint charging him with murder in Indian Country. Uballez and Bujanda said Wallace would remain in custody pending a preliminary and detention hearing that was scheduled for Oct. 13.

A complaint is only an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. If convicted, Wallace faces up to life in prison.

The Gallup Resident Agency of the FBI Albuquerque Field Office investigated this case with assistance from the FBI Phoenix Field Office and Zuni Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas J. Marshall is prosecuting the case.