

Man from McKinley County pleads guilty to federal assault charges

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ALBUQUERQUE – Vinson Six, 39, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Smith Lake, N.M., pled guilty today in federal court to assault charges.

Six was arrested on Dec. 13, 2017, on a three-count indictment charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon, a knife, assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and robbery. According to the indictment, Six committed the crimes on April 14, 2016, on the Navajo Indian Reservation in McKinley County, N.M.

During today's proceedings, Six pled guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury. In entering the guilty plea, Six admitted that on April 14, 2016, he forced himself into the victim's home, and threatened and cut the victim with a knife. Six acknowledged that the victim suffered lacerations to his head and arm, which required medical attention, as the result of the assault.

At sentencing, Six faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison. He remains in custody pending a sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Gallup office of the FBI and the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elisa Dimas.

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