

Woman sentenced for manslaughter after drunk driving kills McKinley County man

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ALBUQUERQUE — Bryana Agnes Henio, 30, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Little Water, N.M., was sentenced April 25 in federal court in Albuquerque to 37 months in prison for her involuntary manslaughter conviction. She will be on supervised release for three years after completing her prison sentence.

Henio was arrested in October 2017, on a criminal complaint charging her with involuntary manslaughter. According to the complaint, Henio killed a man by hitting him with a vehicle on Sept. 8, 2017, on the Navajo Indian Reservation in McKinley County. At the time Henio ran over the victim, Henio was driving under the influence of alcohol.

On Nov. 20, 2017, Henio pleaded guilty to a felony charge for involuntary manslaughter, and admitted killing the victim by driving recklessly while under the influence of alcohol. Henio acknowledged that the alcohol rendered her incapable of exercising clear judgment and a steady hand in operating the vehicle.

This case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Spindle prosecuted the case.