

Two McKinley County area men sentenced to prison for separate child sex abuse convictions

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ALBUQUERQUE – Clyde Peterson, 46, who resides in Yahtahey, N.M., was sentenced May 30 in federal court in Albuquerque to 21 months of imprisonment for his conviction on a sexual abuse of a minor or ward charge. Peterson will be on supervised release for eight years after completing his prison sentence and will be required to register as



a sex offender.

Peterson was arrested on April 18, 2016, on an indictment charging him with sexual abuse of a child between the age of 12 and 16 years from June 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2014, on the Navajo Indian Reservation in McKinley County, N.M.

On Feb. 22, 2018, Peterson pled guilty to the indictment, and admitted that between June 1, 2014 and Aug. 31, 2014, he engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim who was between the age of 12 and 16 years.

Less than a week prior to Peterson's sentencing, Brian Lee, 31, who resides in Breadsprings, N.M., was sentenced May 24 in federal court in Albuquerque,

to 15 years in prison for his conviction on child sexual abuse charges. Lee will be on supervised release for ten years after completing his prison sentence. He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

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Lee was arrested on July 13, 2017, on a two-count indictment charging him with sexually abusing a child under the age of 12 on two separate occasions between July 2012 and July 2016, on the Navajo Indian Reservation in McKinley County, N.M.

On Sept. 18, 2017, Lee pled guilty to a two-count felony information charging him with aggravated sexual abuse and sexual abuse. In entering the guilty plea, Lee admitted that between July 2012 and July 2016, he engaged in sexual acts with the victim on two separate and distinct occasions at his home in Breadsprings on the Navajo Indian Reservation.