Red Valley man pleads guilty to involuntary manslaughter in DWI crash

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ALBUQUERQUE – Maroquez Clah, 28, of Red Valley, Ariz., and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, pleaded guilty on Sept. 21 to involuntary manslaughter.

Clah was arrested on an indictment charging him with involuntary manslaughter Feb. 14. During his hearing, Clah pleaded guilty to killing a victim, referred to as John Doe, by driving carelessly with willful disregard for the safety of others in which he was under the influence of alcohol and likely to endanger a person or property.

He faces up to eight years in federal prison, followed by a term of supervised release to be determined by the court.

Clah remains on release pending sentencing. The court has not yet set a date for the sentencing hearing.

The FBI and the Navajo Division of Public Safety investigated this case. Assistant United States Attorney Novaline D. Wilson is prosecuting the case.