

Arizona man pleads guilty to abusive sexual conduct

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A man from Red Valley, Arizona has pled guilty to abusive sexual contact after he allegedly sexually assaulted a 15-year-old.

According to court documents, Darwin Chee, a member of the Navajo Nation, sexually assaulted the 15-year-old girl at a residence located within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Nation on Dec. 30, 2021.

A federal grand jury indicted 53-year-old Chee on Nov. 23, 2022.

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 on March 12 that Chee pleaded guilty in federal court to abusive sexual contact. Chee will remain in custody pending sentencing, which had not yet been scheduled.

Under the terms of the agreement, Chee will be sentenced to a term of incarceration of no less than 14 years up to a maximum of 20 years. This incarceration will be followed by a term of supervised release of no less than 5 years and up to life. He will be required to register as a sex offender upon his eventual release from custody.

The Farmington Resident Agency of the FBI Albuquerque Field Office investigated this case with assistance from the Navajo Police Department and Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Mark A. Probasco is prosecuting the case.

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