

No Contest Plea In Child Rape Case

U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom is commending the cooperation among the Prairie Band Potawatomi, the Jackson County Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the outcome of a child rape case.

That follows a “no contest” plea entered by 51-year-old Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation resident Trent Robinson Thursday.

Following the plea, entered for a charge of raping a child under 14-years of age, a judge found Robinson guilty and set sentencing for June 27th.

In return for the plea entered in Jackson County District Court, the U.S. Attorney's office agreed not to file federal charges.

A “hard 25” sentence is recommended, meaning Robinson would serve 25-years behind bars without parole.

In his plea, Robinson admitted that he had sexual intercourse with a minor child on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation near Mayetta.

Robinson's arrest followed what Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller calls “a professional and thorough investigation” conducted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Police Department.

Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz says it was the collaborative and speedy work by the various agencies that brought Robinson to justice.

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