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**Fort Totten Man found Guilty of
Sexually Abusing a Minor Female Girl**

GRAND FORKS - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on November 6, 2008, **Galen Jerry Robertson** of Fort Totten, North Dakota, was found guilty by a 12-person jury of aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact. United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson presided over the trial.

Robertson, 31, was found guilty of sexually abusing a 17-year-old female and using force in an attempt to have her engage in a sexual act with him. The incident occurred on September 16, 2007, on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Robertson and another male individual, who were both acquainted with the girl, took her to a rural area. All three had been drinking alcohol. They entered an old school bus that had been converted into a camper, where **Robertson** forcibly removed the girl's pants and underwear in an attempt to engage in a sexual act with her. The girl struggled and screamed for him to stop. She was able to get **Robertson** to stop and he took her home shortly thereafter.

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The girl was taken to Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake for an examination. DNA analysis revealed **Robertson's** DNA found on the girl's underwear.

The charge of aggravated sexual abuse carries a statutory maximum penalty of life imprisonment and the charge of abusive sexual contact carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Fort Totten Police Department.

Sentencing for **Robertson** has been scheduled for January 16, 2009, in United States District Court in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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