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### **Navajo human rights officials urge caution after release of Michael Maes**

SAINT MICHAELS, Navajo Nation—Navajo human rights officials are concerned for the safety of their clients and their client's families. The basis for concerns relate to the release of Michael Maes.

Last week in Cibola District Court of New Mexico, a court hearing convened on a defendant's motion to reconsider the release conditions of Michael Maes. Judge Violet C. Otero advised a no tolerance release condition, meaning one more violation against the law and Maes will be in custody until his trial.

Maes is one of several defendants in the beatings against Navajos.

Maes' brother, Elroy Maes, is also a defendant in the Navajo beatings and is in custody. Elroy Maes is also charged for the alleged murder of the late Westin Cohoe, Navajo.

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