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### **Willie Grayeyes case Dismissed by Federal Judge David Nuffer.**

**Moab, UT**—Utah Federal District Court Judge, David Nuffer, dismissed the *Willie Grayeyes and Terry Whitehat v. Cox* case on the evening of November 8, 2018. This means that the court cannot provide any other relief to plaintiffs Grayeyes and Whitehat than the preliminary injunction that the court issued on August 6, 2018.

Leonard Gorman, Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, states “The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is very satisfied. The preliminary injunction did the job. Mr. Grayeyes is elected based on the unofficial ballot counts. The preliminary injunction forced San Juan County Utah to place Mr. Grayeyes on the November 6<sup>th</sup> general election ballot.” With the court case dismissed, the only matter that is still pending is the San Juan County appeal to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gorman further states, “There is much appreciation to the attorneys that took the case to the federal district court. Without their assistance it would have been difficult to get this matter appropriately addressed.” In addition, Gorman states, “while Grayeyes and the Navajo people in San Juan County prevailed in this case, I expect much more hardline stances against Navajo leadership in San Juan County.”

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is intimately involved in several voting rights cases in San Juan County Utah. For more information contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at 928-871-7436.

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