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Fired Menominee Tribal Police Officer Sentenced to 15 years in Prison for Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Child on Menominee Indian Reservation

United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger announced that Basil L. O'Kimosh, Jr. (age: 40) of Keshena man was sentenced on June 11, 2018 to 180 months in prison and 8 years of supervised release after a conviction for Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Child on the Menominee Indian Reservation. The sentence was the result of a guilty plea in March 2018 before Chief United States District Judge William C. Griesbach.

The investigation revealed that O'Kimosh, who at the time was a patrol officer for the Menominee Tribal Police Department, engaged in sexually explicit chat with a person he believed to be a 15-year old. Unbeknownst to O'Kimosh, he was actually chatting with an undercover detective with the Menominee Tribal Police Department. O'Kimosh requested sexually explicit images from the undercover detective, before sending a sexually explicit image of himself to the detective. O'Kimosh and the detective agreed to meet at a location in Keshena for purposes of engaging in sex acts. Therefore, O'Kimosh was arrested.

In sentencing O'Kimosh, Chief Judge Griesbach noted the serious nature of the offense, which he described as "an attack on someone's innocence." The court also noted that the many positives in O'Kimosh's background actually made the offense worse, stating "there was no reason to engage in this behavior."

The case was investigated by the Menominee Tribal Police Department, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew J. Maier.

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