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**Keshena Man Sentenced to Prison for Attempted Murder
on Menominee Indian Reservation**

United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced that on December 20, 2021, a man received a prison sentence for his actions in shooting another man on the Menominee Indian Reservation. Menom L. Powless-Brown (age: 19), formerly of Keshena, which is on the Menominee Indian Reservation, was sentenced after entering a plea of guilty to Assault with Intent to Murder on September 10, 2021. Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach imposed a sentence of 120 months, which will be followed by 36 months of supervised release.

According to court records, on or about March 13, 2021, Powless-Brown assaulted another man by pointing a 9mm semiautomatic handgun at him. Powless-Brown intentionally discharged the handgun several times during the incident, resulting in bullets striking the other man once in the abdomen and Powless-Brown's mother once in the face. The other man sustained significant injuries as the result of the shooting.

In imposing sentence, Senior Judge Griesbach noted the seriousness of the offense, reflecting that the incident was an unjustified attack on someone else who was fleeing from the defendant. Judge Griesbach observed the incident occurred in a residential area and exposed others to danger. Although the United States had recommended a higher sentence, Judge Griesbach concluded that the defendant's youth and lack of prior record made a 10-year sentence appropriate.

The Menominee Tribal Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case, which Assistant United States Attorney Andrew J. Maier prosecuted.

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