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### **Man Arrested in Abduction, Death of 11-Year-old Ashlynnne Mike**

A Waterflow, N.M., man was arrested Tuesday in connection with the abduction and death of 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike.

Tom Begaye, 27, is scheduled to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge B. Paul Briones in Farmington on Wednesday.

Ashlynnne's body was found Tuesday morning approximately 6 miles south of the Shiprock Monument. She had been abducted in the Fruitland area Monday afternoon.

The FBI is investigating this case with the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, New Mexico State Police, San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Farmington Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service.

No further information will be released until after Begaye's court appearance.

The public is reminded that defendants are presumed innocent unless convicted in a court of law.

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