



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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In November of 2020 the San Juan County Sheriff's Office worked hand in hand with state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to dismantle the large-scale marijuana growing operation on the Navajo Nation. The indictment and arrest of Dineh Benally is a significant step toward accountability for the exploitation of immigrant workers and resources of the Navajo Nation. I am proud of our working relationships with our local, state and federal partners. This case exemplifies our unwavering commitment to upholding the rule of law, protecting sovereign tribal lands, and ensuring the safety of all communities impacted by illicit drug operations.

Respectfully,

Sheriff R. Shane Ferrari

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