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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL GERARD BUCHANAN,

Defendant.

**1:15-cr-212**

**Robert Holmes Bell  
U.S. District Judge**

**FELONY INFORMATION**

The United States Attorney charges:

**(Theft from a Tribal Organization)**

From in or about 2008 to September 12, 2012, in Leelanau County, in the Western District of Michigan, the defendant,

**MICHAEL GERARD BUCHANAN,**

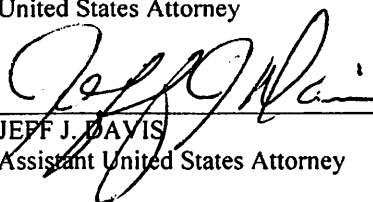
did embezzle, steal, knowingly convert to his own use, and willfully misapply moneys, funds, goods, assets, and other property of an Indian tribe, with the value of such property exceeding the sum of \$1,000.

In particular, defendant purchased computer equipment on behalf of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (the Tribe), resold the equipment to other individuals unbeknownst to the Tribe, and kept the proceeds for his own personal use. The defendant thereby (1) deprived the members of the tribe of moneys, funds and assets; and (2) deprived the members of the tribe of the right to make decisions about how the moneys, funds, goods, assets, and other property were to be used. The value of the computer equipment sold without authorization total approximately \$233,176.72.

18 U.S.C. § 1163

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