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**Wapato Man Sentenced to 13 Years for Shooting and Causing Serious Injury
to an Unarmed Victim**

Yakima, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that on March 25, 2025, Jeffrey Gordon Lucei, age 26, of Wapato, Washington, was sentenced to 156 months in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release by Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. Lucei pled guilty to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon on December 17, 2025. Chief Judge Bastian also ordered Lucei to pay \$10,000 in restitution for medical bills incurred by one of the victims.

According to court documents and information presented at sentencing, on May 30, 2024, Lucei threatened a women with a pistol at a home in White Swan Washington on the Yakama Nation. Fearing for her life, the women hid in a location inside the residence. Lucei then shot an unarmed man in the back in the same house as the victim tried to escape. The victim was later transported to Harborview Hospital in Seattle for treatment. The victim ended up with a bullet lodged in his neck and suffered two fractured ribs, two fractured vertebrae, and a fractured jaw.

“This level of sheer violence against two unarmed people, is shocking” stated Serrano. “The swift investigation by our federal, state and tribal partners allowed this violent offender to be removed from our community and justice to be served for these victims.”

“Mr. Lucei’s senseless, unprovoked, cowardly act of violence, shooting an unarmed man in the back, both severely injured the victim and traumatized another he had threatened at gunpoint,” said W. Mike Herrington, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Seattle field office. “This case is an example of the FBI’s commitment to combatting violent crime with our partners on tribal lands as we do in communities across the state.”

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Yakama Nation and the Yakima County Sheriff’s Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Murphy.

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