

NOTICE



The Pascua Yaqui Tribe is one of the first three tribes in the nation to be authorized to prosecute non-Indian offenders for certain domestic violence and protection order crimes. This jurisdiction goes into effect on February 20, 2014. After that date, a non-Indian who has substantial ties to the Tribe (such as living on the reservation, working for the Tribe or the Tribe's casino, or having a dating partner or spouse who is Pascua Yaqui or a member of another Indian tribe) can be prosecuted by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in the Tribe's own criminal justice system.

The Tribe will provide non-Indian defendants with constitutional rights equal to those in the outside states. These rights include the right to an attorney if they cannot afford their own, the right to effective assistance of counsel, the right to a law trained judge, and the right to file a habeas corpus petition in federal court to name a few. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe already provides these rights to Indian defendants in its justice system.

If you have questions about these changes to the law, please contact: Alfred Urbina, Chief Prosecutor at 520-879-6263, alfred.urbina@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

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More info at: www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/February/14-ag-126.html