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(SD)-Second Guilty Plea In Pine Ridge Reservation



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RAPID CITY, S.D. - A Pine Ridge man has pleaded guilty to being an accessory to a murder last year on the Pine Ridge Reservation. 30-year old Fred Quiver, also known as Fred Brings Plenty, faces up to 15 years in prison in connection with the death of Emily Bluebird in January of last year.

Quiver's plea on Friday came a week after his former live-in girlfriend, 24-year old Elizabeth Ann LeBeau, pleaded guilty to 2nd-degree murder. She faces up to life in prison at her sentencing in June.

The Rapid City Journal says Quiver and LeBeau offer much different accounts of who actually killed the 24-year old Bluebird. Both agree the 3 of them had been drinking at Quiver's home, but differ sharply on what happened after that.

Quiver says LeBeau strangled Bluebird with an electronics cord after the women got into an argument while LeBeau says Quiver did the strangling because he was upset Bluebird had a bandana associated with a rival gang on the reservation.

Quiver admitted pouring bleach over the body "to destroy DNA evidence" before he and LeBeau hid it a hole under the house, then later burning their clothes and shoes. They eventually moved the body to a shallow grave where it was found by searchers a few days later.

After Quiver entered his plea, Bluebird's family and friends gathered outside the courthouse with a banner reading "Justice for Emily"...just as after LeBeau's hearing, but they were confronted by Quiver's mother.

The paper says she accused the Bluebirds of burning down the Quiver family home last March, killing her 82-year father Charles "Charlie Boy" Quiver, in retaliation for the January murder. That case remains under investigation by the FBI as a homicide.