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Stabber sentenced to 43 months

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A Lame Deer woman convicted of stabbing her boyfriend and lying about being raped will spend three years and seven months in federal prison.

Senior U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom on Wednesday sentenced Krista Rae Little Head, 23, to a term near the high end of the guideline range.

Steve Babcock, assistant federal defender, asked the judge for a sentence on the low end, saying that Little Head had mental-health issues and drug and alcohol problems. With counseling and programs, Little Head could do well, he said.

Little Head apologized and said she wanted to get into prison programs.

Little Head pleaded guilty in August to making a false statement and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Prosecutors said Little Head told Bureau of Indian Affairs police on Feb. 23 that three men had raped her the previous night. She identified the men and provided details. She also reported the information to the Indian Health Service doctor and to a BIA criminal investigator.

Investigators arrested three men, held them in jail and contacted the FBI for help. While interviewing one of the men, BIA and FBI agents were interrupted by an officer

who said Little Head wanted to drop the charges because the rape didn't happen. She admitted making up the allegation, and the men were released.

In the assault case, Little Head and her boyfriend were drinking in Lame Deer with friends on March 15. The two argued, and Little Head hit her boyfriend in the face. He told her he wanted to end the relationship. Little Head left the room and returned a few seconds later holding her hand behind her back. She approached her boyfriend and stabbed him four times in the chest with a 6-inch knife.

The victim was flown by helicopter to a Billings hospital for treatment.

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