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MONUMENT VALLEY MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

PHOENIX – Travius R. Tsosie, 23, of Monument Valley, Ariz. was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt to 37 months in federal prison followed by placement in a residential alcohol rehabilitation program while on three years supervised release. Tsosie pleaded guilty on March 31, 2008 to assaulting a Navajo tribal police officer with a motor vehicle near Kayenta, Ariz. on the Navajo Nation.

Tsosie was intoxicated, driving recklessly and ran motorists off the road on U.S. Highway 163 north of Kayenta on August 18, 2007. During the incident, he rammed two different Navajo Police Department police vehicles who had been trying to warn on-coming motorists as well as trying to stop him.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Flagstaff, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Roger Dokken, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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