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PARKER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SECOND-DEGREE MURDER FOR KILLING FORMER GIRLFRIEND

PHOENIX— Gilbert Holmes, 29, of Parker, Ariz., and a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pleaded guilty on April 3rd to Second-Degree Murder for killing a 40-year-old woman with whom he had a child. Sentencing is set for June 29, 2009 in front of U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow. The crime of second-degree murder carries a maximum sentence of life in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

On April 29, 2008, Holmes broke through the front window of the victim's home. He then went into the bedroom of the victim where he saw his daughter sleeping. Two other young children, sons of victim, were also in the house that night. Holmes assaulted the victim's boyfriend, who fought back. The victim began to scream for her boyfriend to call the police. When her boyfriend left to call the police from a neighbor's house, Holmes attacked the victim. Initially, he beat her numerous times about the head and face with a closet rod. He then attempted to stab her with the rod until it shattered. Holmes then stabbed the victim multiple times with a kitchen knife. She died a short time later of her injuries.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer E. Green and Raynette M. Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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