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WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR STABBING DEATH

PHOENIX – Michael Lupe, 22, of Cibique, Ariz., was sentenced here yesterday by U.S. District Judge Stephen M. McNamee to 14 years in federal prison after Lupe pleaded guilty on November 21, 2007 to Second Degree Murder.

On December 20, 2006, on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation, Lupe was drinking with the victim, Byron Ivins. At some point, possibly during a scuffle, Lupe stabbed Ivins once in the face, causing a 3-inch deep wound and once in the neck, causing an approximately 6-inch deep wound. Ivins died as a result of these wounds.

During sentencing Judge McNamee pointed out that this murder was the unfortunate and tragic result of the abuse of alcohol. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, White Mountain Apache Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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