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## **WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT**

### *Posed as a police officer during assault attempt*

PHOENIX – Jimi Aday, 31, of Whiteriver, Ariz., was sentenced here to 20 years in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia yesterday. Aday, an enrolled member of the Fort Apache Indian Tribe, pleaded guilty on September 6, 2007 to Attempted Aggravated Sexual Abuse for a crime that occurred on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Upon his release from prison, Aday will be on supervised release for life and must register as a sex offender with state and tribal agencies.

On January 8, 2005, near the fairgrounds in Whiteriver on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Aday posed as a police officer and stopped a car in which his 17-year-old victim was riding. Aday told the victim she was under arrest and placed her in handcuffs. Aday then used force in an attempt to remove the victim's pants and engage in a sexual act. Despite being restrained by handcuffs, the victim was able to thwart Aday's attempt by holding on to a belt loop of her pants. While Aday was distracted, the victim fled the area and notified law enforcement.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The prosecution was handled by Thomas Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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