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WINDOW ROCK MAN SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT ON FEDERAL OFFICER

PHOENIX— Johnny Chee, 43, of Window Rock, Ariz., was sentenced here to seven years in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Johnny Chee pleaded guilty on August 10, 2007 to Assault on a Federal Officer.

On June 3, 2005, Chee, armed with a handgun, fled from a McKinley County, New Mexico, Sheriff's Deputy who was trying to serve him with an order of protection. A vehicle pursuit commenced and when Chee reached the Navajo Nation, Navajo law enforcement officers took over. The pursuit ended in Fort Defiance, Ariz. and a standoff ensued when Chee refused to relinquish his firearm and surrender. The standoff lasted for over five hours and involved numerous law enforcement officers and agencies. Throughout the standoff Chee pointed the weapon at himself and the officers. He threatened to shoot at the officers so that they would have to shoot him. The standoff ended when Chee aggressively approached the officers with the handgun, waved the handgun in their direction and was shot.

The sentencing occurred on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Kimberly M. Hare, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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