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WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER

PHOENIX – Arthur Griggs, 19, of Whiteriver, Ariz., was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge Stephen M. McNamee to 14 years in federal prison after Griggs pleaded guilty on October 30, 2007 to Second Degree Murder.

On December 20, 2006, Griggs was drinking with the victim, his cousin Cline Griggs, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and an argument ensued. Arthur Griggs claimed that the victim tried to punch him but missed. Griggs then stabbed the victim three times. Cline Griggs was hospitalized but later died from complications from the stab wounds.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the San Carlos Apache Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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