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GILA RIVER MAN SENTENCED TO 48 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR BEATING A MAN THAT RESULTED IN SERIOUS INJURY

PHOENIX Ariz. – Alexander Gutierrez, 30, of Laveen, Ariz. was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Stephen M. McNamee to 48 months in federal prison. Gutierrez pleaded guilty on October 9, 2007, to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury which occurred on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

The facts showed that on May 2, 2007, Gutierrez, a member of the Gila River Indian Tribe, accused the victim of having an intimate relationship with Gutierrez's mother. Gutierrez punched the victim repeatedly and kicked the victim numerous times while he laid on the ground. The victim was flown by helicopter to the hospital with life threatening injuries.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Kimberly M. Hare and Keith E. Vercauteren, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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