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MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DRUNK DRIVING THAT RESULTED IN PASSENGERS' DEATHS

PHOENIX – Edward Patterson, 32, of Peridot, Ariz. pleaded guilty and was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to five years in federal prison for two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter. Two of the three passengers in Patterson's car died as a result of a crash that occurred on the San Carlos Indian Reservation.

On August 28, 2006, Patterson was driving on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona with three passengers. He had been drinking most of the day and was intoxicated at the time he was driving with his friends. While driving at a high rate of speed, Patterson lost control of the car. The car rolled over, killing two of the passengers.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the San Carlos Tribal Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Keith E. Vercauteren, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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