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## **SAN CARLOS MAN SENTENCED FOR HITTING HIS WIFE WITH A HATCHET**

PHOENIX Ariz. – Bernard Gates, Jr., 41, of San Carlos, Ariz. was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to 33 months in federal prison. Gates pleaded guilty on February 26, 2008, to Assault With a Dangerous Weapon which occurred on the San Carlos Indian Reservation.

The facts showed that on May 1, 2007, Bernard Gates, Jr., a member of the San Carlos Indian Tribe, hit his wife several times in the head with a hatchet. The victim was transported to the hospital with lacerations to her head and a bilateral nasal bone fracture.

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

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