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TUBA CITY MAN SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS FOR ESCAPE

PHOENIX – Shawn Henry Whitehat, 23, of Tuba City, Ariz. was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone to 27 months in federal prison for failing to return to a federal correctional institution.

On September 14, 2005, Whitehat was sentenced to two years in federal prison for Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. To assist in his successful reintegration into the community, he was transferred to Behavioral Systems Southwest on September 19, 2006.

On September 28, 2006, Whitehat left the facility for a medical appointment and was arrested that same day for an aggravated assault. He was ultimately sentenced to 1.25 years in state prison for that crime. On December 28, 2007, after the completion of his state sentence, Whitehat was arrested for the Escape charge for failing to return to Behavioral Systems Southwest in 2006. He pleaded guilty on March 27, 2008, to the federal charge of escape.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Marshals Service. The prosecution was handled by Keith E. Vercauteren, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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