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WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ASSAULT

PHOENIX - Jeremiah Dean Edwards, 28, of Whiteriver, Ariz., was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia to 42 months in federal prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. Edwards pleaded guilty on April 1, 2008 to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

In April 2006, Edwards, a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, was on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation going through a pile of aluminum cans owned by the victim's father. The victim, also a member of the Tribe, was awakened by his father and told that someone was stealing their aluminum cans. The victim followed Edwards down the road and at some point, Edwards asked the victim if he was a cop. After the victim replied "No," Edwards repeatedly stabbed the victim. As a result of the attack the victim had to be hospitalized to treat 12 separate wounds and the collapse of both of the victim's lungs.

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

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