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INDIAN WELLS MAN SENTENCED TO ALMOST 10 YEARS FOR STABBING A MAN ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION

PHOENIX - Norman Ray Nelson, 39, of Indian Wells, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Court Judge James A. Teilborg to nine years and seven months in federal prison. Nelson was found guilty by a federal jury of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault by Striking, Beating or Wounding on February 27, 2008.

On May 21, 2007, Nelson was drinking with the victim at a home near Indian Wells on the Navajo Reservation. At some point Nelson became angry with the victim and stabbed him three times, causing a puncture wound to the victim's neck and two cuts to the victim's chest.

The investigation was conducted by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Keith E. Vercauteren, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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