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## **MAN SENTENCED FOR USE OF A FIREARM DURING A VIOLENT CRIME**

PHOENIX – Arthur Benally, 39, of Leupp, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to 60 months in prison to be followed by 60 months of court supervised release. Benally pleaded guilty on April 1, 2008 to Use of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence based on events that took place near Birdsprings, Ariz. within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

On October 9, 2007, after a day of drinking, an argument broke out involving Benally and his brother. At some point Benally obtained a rifle and pointed it in the direction of his brother with the intent to injure him. However, his brother grabbed the rifle and during the struggle the gun discharged. No one was injured during the altercation.

The sentencing occurred on Monday, June 23, 2008. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Dilkon Police Department and the Navajo Division of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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