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NORTHERN ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED FOR ACCIDENT WHICH KILLED HIS FRIEND

PHOENIX – Cory Lee Sam, 26, of Houck, Ariz., a member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced here to 30 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt. Sam pleaded guilty on May 5, 2008 to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

On November 12, 2007, Sam was driving his car with a male friend near Sanders, Ariz., on the Navajo Nation. Sam lost control of his car, resulting in a roll-over in which his friend was killed. Responding police officers determined Sam was under the influence of alcohol after administering two field sobriety tests which registered .196 and .200. Sam was not seriously injured in the accident.

The sentencing occurred on August 18, 2008. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Thomas C. Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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