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## **MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 3 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER**

*Two of his three passengers were killed in a crash on the White Mountain Apache Reservation*

PHOENIX – Eric Craig Cosen, 22, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 40 months in federal prison. Cosen, a registered member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pleaded guilty and was sentenced on October 20, 2008, to two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter for the deaths of two adults in a crash which occurred on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation.

On April 19, 2007, Cosen was driving with three passengers on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona. Cosen had been drinking and smoking marijuana for hours before the vehicle crash and was intoxicated at the time he was driving. His blood alcohol concentration of .331 was well above the legal Arizona limit of .08. Cosen was also driving on a flat tire and was speeding when he lost control of the car and it rolled over. Two passengers died and a third was ejected and injured.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Tracey Bardorf and Dimitra Sampson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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