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KAIBETO MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PERJURY

PHOENIX – Nicholas Tsiniginie, 27, of Kaibeto, Ariz. was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to 24 months in federal prison followed by placement in an inpatient alcohol rehabilitation program while on three years of supervised release. Tsiniginie pleaded guilty on June 23, 2008 to providing false testimony during the federal trial of fellow Kaibeto resident Gentry Deel.

Deel was tried for aggravated assault for shooting another Kaibeto resident with an assault rifle and is presently serving 161 months in federal prison for that assault. In sentencing Tsiniginie, the judge stated that it was essential that testimony during trial be truthful to ensure that the guilty do not escape justice or that the innocent are not wrongly convicted.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Flagstaff, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Roger Dokken, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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