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NORTHERN ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR DRIVING THROUGH HOUSE

PHOENIX – Steven Begay, 48, of Hotevilla, Ariz., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt to two years in federal prison. The sentence follows Begay's 9-month placement in an inpatient alcohol rehabilitation program. Begay pleaded guilty on August 18, 2008 to residential burglary on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Coalmine, Ariz..

Begay had been asked to move out of the house due to his drinking. On January 4, 2008, after a severe drinking bout, Begay drove his new pick-up completely through both sides of a house in Coalmine with the intent to cause damage to it.. Family members inside the house were hit by some of the debris. Begay was also ordered to pay for a contractor to repair the considerable damage to the house during a 3-year period of supervised release which will follow his release from prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department, Tuba City, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Roger Dokken, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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