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## **SELLS MAN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR VIOLENT ASSAULT**

TUCSON – Angelo Antonio, 38, of Sells, Ariz., was sentenced here to 72 months imprisonment today, by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. Antonio had pleaded guilty on September 3, 2008 to the charge of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury in Indian Country, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(a)(6) and 1153.

On December 1, 2006, officers of the Tohono O’odham Police Department responded to a 911 call of an assault on an adult male victim, who had been struck on the head with an unknown object in the Pisinimo Village of the Tohono O’odham Nation. During the investigation, Angelo Antonio, aka “Chops”, was identified as the assailant. Antonio hit the victim on the head with a machete and stabbed him in the back. The victim was taken to a Tucson hospital where he remained for three days for treatment of his injuries. During the investigation it was discovered that Antonio had become angry when he was denied a beer by the friends of the victim and a fight ensued between the two.

The Honorable Judge Jorgenson sentenced the defendant to 72 months imprisonment in the case and ran the sentence consecutive to the eleven month sentence the defendant received after violating the conditions of his release for his conviction of Possession with Intent to Distribute, CR 03-0762-TUC-DCB from 2004. The sentence was also consecutive to the time that the defendant received from the Tohono O’odham Tribal Court System.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Tohono O’odham Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Serra M. Tsethlikai, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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