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FORT DEFIANCE MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

PHOENIX – Nelson Holland, 25, from the Fort Defiance, Ariz. area, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 18 months in federal prison followed by a one year placement in an inpatient alcohol rehabilitation program while on three years of supervised release.

Holland pleaded guilty on June 9, 2008, to assaulting an elderly victim on the Navajo Nation by beating him with a garden hose. The incident occurred after Holland, who was intoxicated, claimed he was being "witched" by the victim.

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

CASE NUMBER: CR-07-1104-PCT-DGC RELEASE NUMBER: 2008-335(Holland)

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