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BITTER SPRINGS, ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

PHOENIX – Jerimie T. Riggs, 22, of Bitter Springs, Ariz. near Page, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to 36 months in federal prison followed by placement in an inpatient alcohol rehabilitation program while on three years of supervised release. Riggs pleaded guilty on May 13, 2008 to assaulting a male relative on the Navajo Nation.

Riggs was very intoxicated when he assaulted a male family member by biting off his ear lobe. Family members collected the ear lobe and took it to the Flagstaff Medical Center where doctors unsuccessfully tried to reattach it.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department and 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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