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CHINLE MAN SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER

PHOENIX – Wendell Draper, 31, of Chinle, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt to 168 months in federal prison followed by five years of supervised release. Draper pleaded guilty on August 18, 2008 to Second Degree Murder committed on the Navajo Nation.

Draper stabbed his male victim with a knife on May 9, 2008 after an argument. The victim died as a result of his wounds.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department, the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Heather H. Nelson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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