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**ZUNI PUEBLO MAN SENTENCED TO 37 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT  
FOR FEDERAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Santa Fe, **Linden Troy Qualo**, 28, was sentenced to a 37 month term of imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release for sexually abusing a minor. Qualo, a member and resident of the Pueblo of Zuni, also will be required to register as a sex offender after completing his prison sentence. He has been in federal custody since his arrest on January 11, 2011.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that on July 11, 2011, Qualo pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with sexually violating a child under the age of 16 years in January 2010, on the Pueblo of Zuni. In his plea agreement, Qualo admitted that, on January 30, 2010, he engaged in a sexual act with a female child who was 13 years old. Specifically, Qualo admitted performing oral sex on the child.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Pueblo of Zuni Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shana B. Long.

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