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**SHIPROCK MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS FOR
INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning a federal judge sentenced **Herbert Harwood**, 50, a member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Shiprock, N.M., to a 18-month term of imprisonment for his involuntary manslaughter conviction. Harwood will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence. Harwood also was ordered to pay \$6340 in restitution to cover his victim's funeral costs and repay the New Mexico Crimes Victim Reparation Fund.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Harwood admitted killing Richard King, a 36-year-old Navajo man, on March 27, 2007, while driving under the influence of alcohol on the Navajo Indian Reservation in San Juan County. A single-count indictment charging Harwood with involuntary manslaughter was filed on September 29, 2010, and Harwood was arrested on October 7, 2010. He has been in federal custody since that time. Harwood pled guilty to the indictment on March 11, 2012.

The case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle T. Nayback.

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