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**SANOSTEE, N.M., MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL
FELONY CHILD ABUSE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE– This morning in federal court, Jaycee Emerson Miller, 25, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Sanostee, N.M., was sentenced to time-served, or 145 days of imprisonment, for his felony child abuse conviction. Miller also was ordered to a two-year term of probation.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Miller pled guilty to the indictment charging him with abandonment and abuse of a child on May 11, 2012, without the benefit of a plea agreement.

According to court filings, on March 5, 2012, law enforcement officers arrested Miller after observing him driving erratically on U.S. highway 491, in Shiprock, N.M. on March 5, 2012. At the time of his arrest, Miller had three passengers in his vehicle, including a six-month infant who was unrestrained during the time Miller was driving while intoxicated. During a post arrest interview, Miller admitted that he was driving while intoxicated.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Shiprock Division of the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyle T. Nayback.

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