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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION**

This afternoon, Senior United States District Judge James A. Parker sentenced **Vincent Six, Jr.**, 32, of Smith Lake, New Mexico, to a thirty-six (36) month term of imprisonment to be followed by three-years supervised release based on his guilty plea to federal assault charges. Six has been in federal custody since his arrest on January 12, 2010 when he and his co-defendant Nelvin Ray Willie, 25, also a Smith Lake resident, were arrested on federal assault charges. Six and Willie charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury in an indictment filed on January 28, 2010. Six pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury on August 6, 2010 pursuant to a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charges against Six and Willie arose from an early morning incident on January 1, 2010 when Six and Willie brutally assaulted Christopher Cornelius Kenneth with an aluminum baseball bat and a long aluminum broom handle. According to the criminal complaint, Six and Willie drove to Mr. Kenneth's residence where Six and Mr. Kenneth got into an argument that led to a

physical confrontation between the two men. Although Mr. Kenneth fled to a neighbor's home to seek protection, Six and Willie followed him. There, Six beat Mr. Kenneth with the aluminum bat while Willie struck him with the aluminum broom handle. After Six and Willie departed, neighbors transported Mr. Kenneth to the Crownpoint Indian Health Services where he was treated for a four-inch laceration to the top of his head which required fifteen stitches, a fractured left forearm, a contusion on his right arm near the elbow, a fractured tooth that subsequently had to be extracted, and bruises and abrasions to both knees.

Willie also has entered a guilty plea and is scheduled for sentencing before Judge Parker on November 18, 2010.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jack E. Burkhead, and was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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