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**ASSAILANT OF ARMY SERGEANT ON FORT POLK
SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT**

Defendant Receives 36 Months in Prison

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Samuel Angelo Solomon, 39, of Oakdale, Louisiana was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik, to three years in federal prison and three years of supervised release assaulting a federal employees during a traffic stop at Fort Polk.

On June 21, 2011, Solomon was stopped for speeding while operating a Toyota Corolla in a remote training area at Fort Polk. During the stop, Solomon appeared intoxicated and officers detected the odor of alcohol and observed open beer bottles in the vehicle. Thereafter, a Staff Sergeant and other Defense Department employees helped detain Solomon until Military Police and Department of the Army Civilian Police could arrive at the training location. Solomon asked several times to be allowed to leave the scene and suddenly accelerated the Corolla. As the vehicle sped away, the Staff Sergeant was injured by the vehicle. As the Staff Sergeant and other Army personnel pursued Solomon, the Corolla hit a tree and flipped over. After Solomon exited the vehicle, Solomon tried to fight with the Staff Sergeant until he could be subdued.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of Army Civilian Police, Army Military Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brett L. Grayson.

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