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TOHONO O'ODHAM MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE AND BURGLARY

TUCSON - A federal grand jury in Tucson has returned a four-count indictment against Nolan Steven Bautista, 19, of Sells, Ariz., for Aggravated Sexual Abuse, Abusive Sexual Contact, and Burglary.

According to the indictment, on February 25, 2009, Bautista committed burglary of a residential structure when he caused a female to engage in a sexual act by the use of force.

A conviction for Aggravated Sexual Abuse, Abusive Sexual Contact, and Burglary, carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, 10 years, and 21 years, respectively, and a \$250,000 fine or both on each count. In determining an actual sentence, a U.S. District Court Judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The indictment was returned by a federal grand jury on June 17, 2009. An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Tohono O'odham Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Anca Pop, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tucson.

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