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NORTHERN ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROBBERY

PHOENIX – Eric Lee Kinney, 23, of Tonalea, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake to 41 months in federal prison for Robbery. On April 21, 2009, Kinney pleaded guilty in federal court to Robbery.

On December 8, 2008, Kinney, his co-defendant Ambrose Bennett, and a juvenile broke into the home of the victims in Kayenta, Ariz. and threatened them with an axe and knife. During the burglary, Kinney, Bennett and the juvenile stole the victims' Ford Ranger pick-up truck. The co-defendant, Bennett, is scheduled to be sentenced on October 19, 2009 before U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake. Co-defendant Bennett pleaded guilty to Burglary on July 28, 2009.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Kayenta Police Department, the Kayenta Division of Criminal Investigations, the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations, the Navajo Division of Public Safety, the Navajo Division of Law Enforcement, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Flagstaff, Arizona. The prosecution was handled by Christina J. Reid-Moore, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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