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**NORTHERN ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METH**

PHOENIX – Arnie Tsosie, 38, of Low Mountain, Ariz., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Earl H. Carroll to 34 months in federal prison for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. On June 30, 2009, Tsosie pleaded guilty in federal court to that charge. Because Tsosie was on supervised release at the time that he committed the drug offense, Judge Carroll also sentenced him to a five month concurrent prison sentence for that offense.

On March 18, 2009, Tsosie was sitting in a vehicle that was parked with the engine running on the roadway in Low Mountain, Ariz., when a Navajo police officer made contact with him. Tsosie was detained by the officer who believed Tsosie appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance. During a search of Tsosie's vehicle, the officer seized drug paraphernalia and 34 bags of a substance containing methamphetamine. Lab results confirmed that Tsosie was in possession of 1.2 grams of actual methamphetamine on March 18, 2009, which he intended to sell.

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

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