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**NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED TO 142-MONTH  
IMPRISONMENT ON CHILD SEX ABUSE CONVICTION**

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that this afternoon, **Chebon Joe Wilson**, a 27-year old member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced to a 142-month term of imprisonment based on a child sex abuse conviction. United States District Judge James O. Browning also sentenced Wilson to a five-year term of supervised release and ordered that Wilson register as a sex offender upon his release from prison.

Wilson has been in federal custody since his arrest on a criminal complaint on March 25, 2010 and was charged in a two-count indictment on April 14, 2010. The complaint and indictment charged Wilson with the aggravated sexual abuse of two young girls under the age of twelve on February 14, 2010 and February 16, 2010, respectively. According to the criminal complaint, the grandmother of the two young girls contacted the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety on February 18, 2010 and reported that her granddaughters had been molested by Wilson, the girls' step-father. The girls' mother also made a similar report on that same day. The complaint alleges that, during a medical

examination on February 19, 2010, one of the girls, age 7, asserted that Wilson sexually assaulted her on February 15, 2010 and previously had violated her on other occasions beginning when she was only five years old. The other girl, age 9, told a physician that Wilson sexually assaulted her for the first and only time on February 16, 2010.

On August 2, 2010, Wilson entered a guilty plea to a criminal information charging him with one count of abusive sexual contact under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office. According to the plea agreement, Wilson admitted that he knowingly engaged in sexual contact with a child under twelve years of age on February 14, 2010. Under the terms of the plea agreement, which was accepted by the Court, Wilson faced a term of imprisonment ranging from 120 to 144 months.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shana Pennington and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the assistance of the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety.

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