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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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VS.)
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MICHAEL CORIZ)
Year of birth: 1984)
SSAN: XXX-XX-5543)

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been employed in that capacity for approximately one year. I am currently assigned to the Albuquerque Division and have primary investigative responsibilities in violent and other major crimes and federal violations. The information set forth in this affidavit has been derived from my own investigation or communicated to me by other sworn law enforcement officers or from other reliable sources.

2. On March 2, 2009, the Bureau of Indian Affairs received information regarding the sexual assault of a juvenile female, year of birth 1998, hereinafter referred to as Jane Doe, by Michael Coriz, year of birth 1984. Jane Doe and Coriz are both enrolled members of the Santo Domingo Pueblo, and the assault occurred within the exterior boundaries of the Santo Domingo Pueblo.

3. On March 3, 2009, Jane Doe was interviewed by SA Benedict B. Bourgeois. Jane Doe disclosed that on or about February 22, 2009, she was attending a dance at the plaza in the Santo Domingo Pueblo. She said that she returned to her grandmother's

1 residence to use the bathroom. While she was at her grandmother's home, her cousin,
2 Michael Coriz, told her to go to the bathroom to turn off the curling iron. Following his
3 instructions, she went into the bathroom. Coriz followed her into the bathroom and locked
4 the door. She said Coriz told her that he was "horny" and that he wanted to have sex with
5 her. He called her "nasty girl" and wanted her to call him "nasty boy." She refused at first,
6 but then acquiesced. Coriz then touched her breasts under her clothing with his hand, and
7 touched her buttocks and vaginal area with his hand over her clothing. Only when her uncle
8 Benedict Coriz knocked on the door of the bathroom was she able to leave.

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10 4. Benedict Coriz saw Michael Coriz follow Jane Doe into the bathroom. He
11 became concerned when they both remained in the bathroom for what he considered a long
12 period of time. He therefore knocked on the bathroom door. He saw Jane Doe leave the
13 bathroom and saw Michael remain behind, appearing to be zipping up his pants. He
14 confronted Coriz about what had occurred in the bathroom and Coriz responded that he had
15 not touched Jane Doe.

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17 5. Jane Doe stated that she told her mother, Mary Elizabeth Coriz, what had
18 happened. Benedict Coriz initiated a family meeting the following night, February 23,
19 2009. Though Michael Coriz was not invited, his mother Erlina was present for the
20 meeting. When Benedict told the assembled family what he saw and that he suspected
21 Michael had sexually abused Jane Doe, Erlina began experiencing breathing difficulties,
22 and EMS was notified immediately. Jane Doe also began experiencing breathing
23 difficulties and, according to her mother, called out for her recently deceased grandfather.
24 EMS treated her as well. Due to these medical emergencies, the family meeting was
25 disbanded.

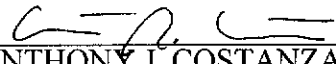
1 6. The family met again on February 24, 2009, and this time Michael Coriz was
2 present for the meeting. Benedict Coriz accused him of entering the bathroom after Jane
3 Doe, and locking the door. Michael Coriz admitted that he did lock the door of the
4 bathroom, but stated that he had not hurt Jane Doe.

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6 7. On March 4, 2009, Michael Coriz was interviewed by SA Benedict B.
7 Bourgeois and SA Anthony J. Costanza. During the interview Michael admitted to
8 touching Jane Doe in a sexual manner on two occasions. He stated that approximately two
9 years ago, while he was staying at his grandmother's house, he kissed Jane Doe and fondled
10 her through her clothing. He further admitted that on February 22, 2009, at his
11 grandmother's house, he again kissed and fondled her. He stated that he told her to go to the
12 bathroom to turn off the curling iron. He followed her into the bathroom and closed the
13 door. Coriz then kissed Jane Doe and fondled her through her clothing around her waist,
14 and he became erect. He said that after five minutes he locked the bathroom door. He then
15 continued to kiss Jane Doe and to touch her on the waist and breasts until he ejaculated.
16 Coriz then stopped kissing and fondling Jane Doe and told her to go over to the sink. She
17 walked over to the sink, climbed on top of it and sat on the counter. Coriz went over to
18 Jane Doe at the sink, and began again to kiss her. He touched her breasts under her clothing
19 with his hand, and touched her vaginal area with his hand over her clothing. He also stated
20 that he rubbed his body against her's. He said he stopped touching her when his uncle,
21 Benedict Coriz, knocked on the door of the bathroom.

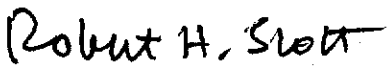
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23 8. Based on the information set forth in this affidavit, your affiant submits that
24 there is probable cause to believe that on February 22, 2009, Michael Coriz, a 25 year old
25 male and enrolled member of the Santo Domingo Pueblo, did sexually assault Jane Doe, a
26 juvenile female, who had not yet reached the age of sixteen years and an enrolled member
27 of the Santo Domingo Pueblo, by intentionally touching, not through the clothing, her
28 breasts with his hand, and by intentionally touching through the clothing her buttocks and

1 vaginal area with his hand; and that said sexual assault occurred in the state and district of
2 New Mexico, within Indian Country, in violation of Title 18, United States code, Sections
3 1153, 2246(2)(d) and 2246(3).

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5 I swear that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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8 ANTHONY J. COSTANZA
9 Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Albuquerque, New Mexico

10 Subscribed and sworn to
11 before me, this 5 day of March, 2009.

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14 U.S. Magistrate Judge