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NON-NATIVE MAN SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING HEROIN IN OHKAY OWINGEH PUEBLO

ALBUQUERQUE – This afternoon, a federal judge in Albuquerque sentenced Bryan David Trujillo, 33, to 51 months of imprisonment for his heroin trafficking conviction, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales. Trujillo, who resides in but is not a member of the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, will be on supervised release for three years after he completes his prison sentence.

Trujillo was indicted on Nov. 9, 2011 and charged with (1) possession of less than 100 grams of heroin with intent to distribute, and (2) maintaining a place for the distribution of heroin. The indictment alleged that the offenses occurred in the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh between Sept. 30, 2011 and Oct. 3, 2011. Trujillo was arrested on Dec. 20, 2011, and has been in federal custody since that time.

On June 28, 2012, Trujillo entered guilty pleas to both counts of the indictment. In his plea agreement, Trujillo admitted that, on Oct. 3, 2011, he possessed heroin with the intention of distributing it. He also admitted that, from Sept. 30, 2011 through Oct. 3, 2011, he rented a room at the Ohkay Owingeh Casino Resort Hotel for the purpose of distributing and using heroin. Trujillo stated that he had heroin and drug paraphernalia in his hotel room during this period.

The case was investigated by the FBI and the New Mexico State Police, with assistance from the Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle T. Nayback.

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