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**ROCKY POINT, N.M., WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL
CHARGES ARISING OUT OF DWI-RELATED DEATH**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, Adrienne Alexandra Skeets, 24, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Rocky Point, N.M., pled guilty to three felony offenses arising out of a driving while intoxicated incident that resulted in the death of a Navajo man and serious injuries to another Navajo man and a Navajo woman.

Under the terms of her plea agreement, Skeets will be sentenced to imprisonment for at least 33 months but not more than 46 months. Skeets remains in federal custody pending her sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Skeets was arrested on a criminal complaint on Jan. 27, 2012, and subsequently was indicted and charged with one count of involuntary manslaughter, two counts of assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and one count of failure to render aid. During this morning's proceedings, Skeets pled guilty to the involuntary manslaughter charge and the two assault charges.

According to court records, on Jan. 21, 2012, Skeets was driving while intoxicated in the vicinity of Manuelito, N.M., which is located on the Navajo Indian Reservation, when she crashed the vehicle. One of Skeet's three passengers, was fatally injured when he was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. The other two passengers sustained serious injuries that required medical attention. In entering her guilty plea, Skeets admitted that, on Jan. 21, 2012, she caused the death of a man and caused serious bodily injury to another man and a woman while she was driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The case was investigated by the Crownpoint Division of the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kyle T. Nayback.

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