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CHURCH ROCK, N.M., MAN TO SERVE FIVE-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE
FOR FEDERAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – This afternoon, a U.S. District Judge sentenced Johnson John, 65, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Church Rock, N.M., to a five-year term of imprisonment for his aggravated sexual abuse conviction. John will be on supervised release for five years after he completes his prison sentence, and will be required to register as a sex offender.

John initially was charged in a criminal complaint filed on June 2, 2009, and was arrested on June 5, 2009. He has been in federal custody since that time. John subsequently was indicted and charged with four counts of abusive sexual contact of a minor and aggravated sexual abuse of a minor. Proceedings in the case were delayed by competency proceedings.

On June 26, 2012, John entered a guilty plea to Count 4 of the indictment charging him with aggravated sexual abuse of a minor. In his plea agreement, John admitted that, between May 1, 2000 and Sept. 1, 2000, he attempted to sexually assault a 12-year-old female child. John admitted luring the child victim into his home and attempting to rape her. He did not complete the sexual assault because he noticed another child watching through the window. The attempted sexual assault occurred within the Navajo Indian Reservation.

This case was investigated by the Gallup office of the FBI and the Crownpoint Division of the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Niki Tapia-Brito.

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