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## **SAULT STE. MARIE MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN —U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced today that Joshua Ronald Ferra, 19, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan was sentenced to five months in federal prison. In addition to the prison term, Senior U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered Ferra to serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison, to pay a \$100 special assessment, to have no further contact with the victim, and to register as a sex offender.

On August 4, 2011, Ferra pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with sexual abuse of a minor. The charge stemmed from an incident on May 13, 2011, during which Ferra, who was on probation for an unrelated state charge, engaged in sexual intercourse with a 13 year-old girl, who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul D. Lochner and investigated by Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Law Enforcement, the Michigan State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Marquette Field Office.

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