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**NAVAJO MAN RECEIVES 15 MONTH PRISON SENTENCE  
FOR FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, this morning, **Benny T. Blueeyes**, 29, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced to a 15-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his assault conviction. Blueeyes also was ordered to pay \$9,854.45 in restitution to his victim. Blueeyes, who was released under pretrial supervision following his arrest on October 13, 2010, is required to surrender to a federal correctional facility to be designated by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons within 60 days.

On March 3, 2011, Blueeyes entered a guilty plea to an indictment charging him with assault resulting in serious bodily injury. According to the indictment, Blueeyes assaulted his victim on May 18, 2010 on the Navajo Indian Reservation. In entering his guilty plea, Blueeyes admitted assaulting his victim by driving his vehicle into her while he was intoxicated and driving recklessly. Blueeyes also admitted that his victim suffered serious injury as a result of the assault.

The case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, the New Mexico State Police, and the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyle T. Nayback.

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