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**NAVAJO MAN SENTENCED TO 13 MONTHS
FOR FEDERAL CHILD ABUSE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, **Nathan Yesslith**, a 26-year-old Navajo man who resides outside of Shiprock, N.M., was sentenced to 13 months imprisonment to be followed by a year of supervised release for his federal child abuse conviction.

On August 30, 2011, Yesslith pled guilty to placing his two-year old son in danger on December 8, 2010, when he was driving while intoxicated on the Navajo Indian Reservation and crashed the vehicle in which his son was a passenger. In entering his guilty plea, Yesslith admitted that, in the middle of the day on December 8, 2010, he was driving recklessly and under the influence of alcohol when he crashed his van into another vehicle. Yesslith further admitted that his two-year old son was in the van and was unrestrained at the time of the collision.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, Shiprock Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark T. Baker.

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