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**ZUNI PUEBLO MAN SENTENCED TO 120 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT  
FOR AGGRAVATED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, yesterday in Albuquerque federal court, **Epfriem Louis**, 20, a member of Zuni Pueblo, was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment to be followed by a five years supervised release for sexually abusing a minor. Louis will be required to register as a sex offender when he completes his prison sentence.

Louis initially was charged with sexually abusing a child who had not attained 12 years of age in a criminal complaint filed on July 19, 2010. According to the complaint, Louis committed the offense between October 2009 and April 2010 within the boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Louis pleaded guilty to an information charging him with aggravated sexual abuse on August 4, 2011. In his plea agreement, Louis admitted that, from October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010, he sexually abused a female Navajo child. Louis was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service after entering his guilty plea, and has been detained since that time.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Brawley.

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