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**NAVAJO MAN RECEIVES 18 MONTH PRISON
SENTENCE FOR FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – Yesterday in federal court in Albuquerque, **Nathan Aaron Roanhorse**, a 25-year-old enrolled member of the Navajo Nation from Navajo, N.M., was sentenced to an 18-month term of imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release for his conviction on an assault charge. Roanhorse also was ordered to pay \$630 in restitution to the victim of his assault to cover the costs incurred by the victim to obtain medical care.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Roanhorse was indicted on December 1, 2010, and charged with (1) assault with a dangerous weapon, and (2) assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Roanhorse has been in federal custody since his arrest on December 21, 2010.

Roanhorse pleaded guilty to Count 2 of the indictment under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office on June 24, 2011. In entering his guilty plea, Roanhorse admitted that, on July 9, 2010, he assaulted his uncle, a Navajo man, and that his uncle was seriously injured as a result of the assault. He also admitted that the assault occurred within the Navajo Indian Reservation.

The case was investigated by the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Presiliano Torrez.

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