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**LAGUNA PUEBLO MAN RECEIVES FIFTEEN MONTHS FOR  
FAILING TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning, a United States District Judge in Santa Fe sentenced **Jarvis Poncho**, a 30-year-old member of the Pueblo of Laguna, to a 15-month term of imprisonment to be followed by ten-years of supervised release for his conviction for failing to update his sex offender registration. The Judge also sentenced Poncho to eight months of imprisonment and four years of supervised release for violating his supervised release conditions by failing to maintain his registration. The two sentences and supervised release terms will run concurrently. After Poncho completes his prison sentence, he will be required to register as a sex offender.

Poncho was indicted on January 28, 2011, and charged with a violation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that SORNA, also known as the Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act, requires that a convicted sex offender register in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, where the offender is employed, and/or where the offender is a student, and that the sex offender maintain current registrations.

According to the indictment, Poncho was required to register as a sex offender because he had been convicted of abusive sexual contact (crime on an Indian Reservation). As a lifetime registrant, Poncho was required to update his registration every 90-days. In entering his guilty plea, Poncho admitted failing to maintain his registration as required by SORNA.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyle T. Nayback, and was investigated by United States Marshal's Service with assistance from the Pueblo of Laguna

Police Department and the Cibola County Sheriff's Office.

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