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SHIPROCK MAN SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS
FOR FEDERAL ASSAULT CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in Santa Fe federal court, **Matthew Archie Johnson**, 25, was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment for his conviction on an assault offense. Johnson will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence. Johnson, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who resides in Shiprock, N.M., has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 22, 2010.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Johnson pled guilty on June 14, 2011 to an indictment charging him with assault resulting in serious bodily injury. According to court records, Johnson was driving while under the influence of alcohol on the Navajo Indian Reservation on September 17, 2010, when he ran a stop sign and collided with his victim's vehicle. Johnson also was speeding when he crashed into his victim's vehicle. The victim suffered a scrape on her left cheek, lacerations on her left forearm, cuts and swelling to her left hand, as well as tenderness and bruising on her left shoulder, abdomen, lower back, right knee and sides.

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

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