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Man Sentenced for Assault (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that a Fort Thompson, S.D., man charged with assault with a dangerous weapon was sentenced on April 19, 2010, by U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange. Quincey Arnette Jones, age 33, was sentenced to 51 months in prison, two years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment to the Victim Assistance Fund. The charge relates to the May 2009 assault of a Fort Thompson woman.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/Media.html>

Man Pleads Guilty to Burglary and Aiding and Abetting (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that Eugene Arcoren, Jr., age 21, of Rosebud, S.D., appeared before U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange on April 20, 2010, and pleaded guilty to third degree burglary and aiding and abetting. The maximum penalty upon conviction is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both; a period of supervised release of three years, and a \$100 special assessment. The charge relates to Arcoren's unlawful entry into the He Dog School and aiding and abetting others in the entry into the unoccupied structure, with intent to commit the crime of larceny.

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Man Pleads Guilty to Third Degree Burglary and Aiding and Abetting (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that Leonard Walking Eagle, aka Leonard Sharpfish, Jr., age 19, of Rosebud, S.D., appeared before U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange on April 19, 2010, and pleaded guilty to third degree burglary and aiding and abetting. The maximum penalty upon conviction is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both; three years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. The charge relates to Walking Eagle's unlawful entry into the He Dog School and aiding and abetting others in the entry into the unoccupied structure, with intent to commit the crime of larceny.

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Man Pleads Guilty to Third Degree Burglary and Aiding and Abetting (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson that George G. Little Thunder, age 19, of Parmelee, S.D., appeared before U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange on April 19, 2010, and pleaded guilty to third degree burglary and aiding and abetting. The maximum penalty upon conviction is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both; three years of

supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. The charge relates to Little Thunder's unlawful entry into the He Dog School and aiding and abetting others in the entry into the unoccupied structure, with intent to commit the crime of larceny.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/media_news/Pierre-04-19-10-Thunder.html

Man Sentenced for Burglary (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that a Pine Ridge, S.D., man charged with third degree burglary was sentenced on April 19, 2010, by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey L. Viken. Michael Red Hawk, age 20, was sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay a \$100 victim assessment and \$10,486.88 in restitution. In July 2007, Red Hawk broke into a business on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, stealing computer equipment and causing extensive spray paint damage.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/Media.html>

Man Sentenced for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that a Rosebud, S.D., man charged with assault with a dangerous weapon was sentenced on April 19, 2010, by U.S. District Judge Roberto A. Lange. Sky Chasing His Horse, age 19, was sentenced to 27 months in prison, three years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment to the Victim Assistance Fund. The charge stems from Chasing His Horse assaulting another person with a knife in January 2009.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/media_news/Pierre-04-19-10-Horse.html

Two Men Charged in Connection With Death of Juvenile Girl Found Near Arapahoe (U.S. Attorney for the District of Wyoming)

U.S. Attorney for the District of Wyoming Christopher A. Crofts announced on April 16, 2010, that two men have been charged in connection with the death of the juvenile girl whose body was found near Arapahoe, Wyo., on April 7, 2010. Kyeren Tillman, 19, of Arapahoe, has been charged with sexual abuse of a minor. Robert Spoonhunter, age 21, of Arapahoe, has been charged with assault resulting in serious bodily injury. The investigation is continuing as to the cause of death and other matters.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/wy/pressrel/2010/index2010.html>

San Carlos Man Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Murder (U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona)

Patrick Hinton, 54, of Bylas, Ariz., pleaded guilty on April 15, 2010, in federal court to second degree murder. On April 11, 2009, Hinton, a San Carlos Apache Tribal member, was with the female victim in the San Carlos community. After a brief argument, Hinton recklessly pointed a .22 rifle at the victim, intending to scare her. The rifle discharged, the bullet striking the victim

in the head, causing her death. A conviction carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/az/press_releases/2010/2010-064\(Hinton\).pdf](http://www.justice.gov/usao/az/press_releases/2010/2010-064(Hinton).pdf)

Woman Indicted for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho)

Jacqueline Allen aka Jackie Moffitt was arrested on April 15, 2010, after a grand jury issued an indictment charging her with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute 50 grams of more of methamphetamine. An investigation showed Allen, a Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribal Member, was buying methamphetamine and selling it in smaller quantities on the reservation.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/id/public_info/pr_april_10.html

Texas Man Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement and Theft from an Indian Tribal Organization (U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma)

Sheldon J. Sperling, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced on April 15, 2010, that Roy Francis Ewing III, age 42, of Gainesville, Texas, pleaded guilty to embezzlement and theft from an Indian tribal organization. The indictment alleged that from on or about July 16, 2009, and continuing until on or about Dec. 10, 2009, the defendant, an employee of the Winstar World Casino, an Indian gaming establishment operated by the Chickasaw Nation, embezzled approximately \$47,000.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/oke/press0410.html#ewing>

Michigan Woman Sentenced for Assault With Intent to Commit a Felony (U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan)

Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, announced that a 27-year-old Mt. Pleasant, Mich., woman was sentenced on April 15, 2010, by U.S. District Judge Thomas L. Ludington. Nickol May Jackson was sentenced to 30 months in custody followed by two years of supervised release after pleading guilty to assault with intent to commit a felony.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/mie/press/2010/2010-4-15_njackson.pdf

Twentieth Defendant Sentenced in St. Croix Tribal Drug Investigation (U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin)

Stephen P. Sinnott, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Frankie Bildeau, 24, from Webster, Wis., was sentenced on April 14, 2010, in the St. Croix tribal land drug investigation. U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman sentenced Bildeau to 12 months and one day in federal prison based on Bildeau's distribution of crack cocaine. Twenty defendants have now been sentenced as a result of this investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/wiw/Press/April%2015,%202010%20-%20Frankie%20Bildeau%20Sentenced.pdf>

John L. Tsosie Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter (U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico)

John L. Tsosie, 35, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, appeared in federal court on April 14, 2010, and pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with two counts of involuntary manslaughter. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Navajo, N.M., within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nm/pr/index.html>

David Bobbie Duncan Sentenced for Arson, Attempted Arson and Unlawful Making of a Firearm (U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico)

On April 14, 2010, David Bobbie Duncan, 20, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced by Senior U.S. District Judge John E. Conway to 36 months in federal prison, to be followed by a term of supervised release. Duncan pleaded guilty on Nov. 25, 2009, to arson, attempted arson and unlawful making of a firearm. The offenses occurred at Shiprock, N.M., within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nm/pr/index.html>

Myron R. Wood Sentenced for Attempt to Commit Arson (U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico)

On April 14, 2010, Myron R. Wood, 22, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, was sentenced by Senior U.S. District Judge John E. Conway to 36 months in federal prison, to be followed by a term of supervised release. Duncan pleaded guilty on Nov. 25, 2009, to attempt to commit arson. The offense occurred at Shiprock, N.M., within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nm/pr/index.html>

Couple Sentenced in Death of Infant Son (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that two people from Pine Ridge, S.D., were sentenced on April 13, 2010, by U.S. District Judge Richard H. Battey in connection with the death of their infant son. Kendra Warrior, age 23, and John Bissonette, age 37, were sentenced to 24 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 victim assessment. In July 2009, both defendants had consumed alcoholic beverages, then placed their three month old child in bed with them. Warrior ultimately rolled over on the infant, killing him.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/media_news/RC-04-19-10-Warrior.html

Man Pleads Guilty to Discharge of a Firearm (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that Louis Janis, age 29, of Pine Ridge, S.D., appeared before U.S. District Judge Jeffrey L. Viken on April 13, 2010, and pleaded guilty to discharging of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The mandatory minimum penalty upon conviction is 10 years in prison up to life, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Janis approached and confronted another person who was sitting in a vehicle in Pine Ridge, aimed a .45 caliber handgun at the victim and discharged the firearm. The victim sustained life-threatening injuries.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/media_news/RC-04-19-10-Janis.html

Anthony James Corcoran Sentenced in U.S. District Court (U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana)

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana announced that during a federal court session in Great Falls, Mont., on April 12, 2010, before U.S. District Judge Sam E. Haddon, Anthony James Corcoran, a 28-year-old resident of Rocky Boy, Mont., was sentenced to a term of 20 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release.

Corcoran was sentenced in connection with his guilty plea to abusive sexual contact.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/mt/pressreleases/20100414153840.html>

Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Sexual Abuse (U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota)

U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota Brendan V. Johnson announced that Joseph E. Shortman IV, age 25, of Wakpala, S.D., appeared before U.S. District Judge Charles B. Kornmann on April 12, 2010, and pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual abuse. The maximum penalty upon conviction is life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both; a period of supervised release of not less than five years up to life, and a \$100 special assessment. The charge relates to Shortman's aggravated sexual abuse of a minor in Wakpala, S.D., in January 2009.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/sd/media_news/Pierre-04-19-10-Shortman.html

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