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NORTHERN ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

PHOENIX – Clifton Ray Francis, 28, of Dennehotso, Ariz., was sentenced on February 23, 2009 by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg to 87 months in federal prison. Francis pleaded guilty on November 24, 2008, to Aggravated Sexual Abuse.

In June 2008, Francis and the elderly female victim had been drinking. The victim passed out and Francis sexually assaulted her. A female relative of the victim drove up and saw the victim on the ground with the defendant nearby. Francis admitted to sexually assaulting the elderly woman.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations and the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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