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## **NORTHERN ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STABBING THAT SERIOUSLY INJURED VICTIM**

PHOENIX – Lavan Edwards, Jr., 19, of Whiteriver, Ariz. was sentenced on March 30, 2009, by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone to three years in federal prison. Edwards pleaded guilty on December 10, 2008, to one count of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, which occurred in Whiteriver on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation.

On July 9, 2008, Edwards was intoxicated at a party and he and the victim got into an altercation. Edwards left the party and returned with a knife. He stabbed the victim in the neck and the abdomen four times. Due to the serious bodily injuries, the victim had to be hospitalized and underwent surgery but eventually recovered.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The prosecution was handled by Dimitra Sampson, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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