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COOLIDGE MAN SENTENCED TO 40 MONTHS FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING MINOR VICTIM ON GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

PHOENIX – Today, Kenneth Xavier Francisco, 37, of Coolidge, Ariz., an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John J. Tuchi to 40 months' imprisonment for sexually abusing a 12-year-old girl. Francisco had previously pleaded guilty to one count of sexual abuse of a minor.

The investigation revealed that Francisco sexually abused the minor victim, who was also a member of the Gila River Indian Community, on the reservation in 1999. Judge Tuchi lowered Francisco's sentence to 40 months' incarceration to give Francisco credit for time already spent in tribal custody.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Christine Ducat Keller, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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