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SAN CARLOS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER

PHOENIX – Patrick Hinton, 54, of Bylas, Ariz., pleaded guilty yesterday 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 for Murder Second Degree carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing is set before The Honorable James A. Teilborg on July 6, 2010.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Carlos Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Thomas C. Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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