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## **SAN CARLOS APACHE MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS FOR DRUNK DRIVING CRASH THAT KILLED THREE WOMEN**

PHOENIX – Bernie Deshane Baca, 21, of San Carlos, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to six years in federal prison for three counts of Involuntary Manslaughter. These offenses occurred on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation in Whiteriver, Ariz. Baca pleaded guilty to these offenses on January 20, 2010.

On May 10, 2008, Baca was driving at a high rate of speed and lost control of the vehicle he was driving. He hit another car head-on. There were three occupants in that vehicle. Two of them were pronounced dead at the scene. The third victim died over a month after the accident from her injuries sustained in the accident. Baca was intoxicated at the time of the incident.

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

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