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WARM SPRINGS MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

PORTLAND, Ore.—Harold Blackwolf Jr., 35, of Warm Springs, Oregon, was sentenced today to 71 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for involuntary manslaughter and possession of a firearm as a convicted felon.

According to court documents, on September 28, 2017, Blackwolf was at a friend's house on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. While under the influence of alcohol, Blackwolf left his friend's house and entered his Dodge Durango, a sport utility vehicle. Blackwolf drove away at a high rate of speed with his headlights off. As he was departing, he struck two adult men who were in the road, killing both. Blackwolf, a convicted felon, was arrested on April 20, 2018 and found to be in possession of a Taurus .38 special revolver.

A restitution hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Anna J. Brown will be held at a later date.

On February 27, 2019, Blackwolf pleaded guilty to two counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count of felon in possession of a firearm.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department. It was prosecuted by Paul Maloney, Benjamin Tolkoﬀ and Craig Gabriel, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon.

On March 3, 1994, the FBI initiated "Operation Safe Trails" with the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement in Flagstaff, Arizona. The operation, which would later evolve into the Safe Trails Task Force (STTF) Program, unites FBI and other federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in a collaborative effort to combat the growth of crime in Indian Country. STTFs allow participating agencies to combine limited resources and increase investigative coordination in Indian Country to target violent crime, drugs, gangs, and gaming violations.

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