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**STATEMENT FROM TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION CHAIRMAN EDWARD MANUEL
ON JUNE 14 VEHICLE INCIDENT**

SELLS, Ariz. – Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward D. Manuel issued the following statement:

"On the evening of Jun. 14, 2018, a vehicle incident occurred in Topawa, Ariz. involving a U.S. Border Patrol agent and a 34-year-old man who is a Tohono O'odham Nation tribal member. The victim was transported to a health care facility and was later released on his own recognizance after it was determined he did not appear to have life threatening injuries. The Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department, which has primary jurisdiction for all crimes committed on the Nation, is conducting the investigation in concert with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office.

The Nation is aware of disturbing video footage of the incident that has been posted online. The safety and wellbeing of the general public is the Nation's top priority, and the Nation's leadership is monitoring this issue closely.

As this is an active investigation matter, no further comments are available at this time."

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