

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Law and Order Committee has advised the Tribal Council that the federal criminal investigation of the murder of Jimmy Altaha is being hampered due to the fact that the major suspects in the FBI and BIA investigation of Varnell Gatewood, Sr. and Orita Altaha work for the same enterprise; and

**WHEREAS,** the Law and Order Committee recommends that Varnell Gatewood, Sr. and/or Orita Altaha be temporarily transferred within 30 days to different positions so that these individuals are not employed by the same enterprise or department; and


**WHEREAS,** Tribal Council Resolution No. 11-91-293 delegates to the Tribal Chairman authority to take whatever action is necessary regarding Varnell Gatewood, Sr. and Orita Altaha in respect to the unsolved homicide.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the purpose of this resolution is to insure that Varnell Gatewood, Sr. and Orita Altaha do not work for the same enterprise or department until the investigation of the death of Jimmy Altaha and their relationship, if any, to said death is completed by law enforcement agencies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs the Tribal Chairman take whatever steps are necessary within 30 days, to temporarily transfer Varnell Gatewood, Sr. and/or Orita Altaha from employment with ID Herd pending the outcome of the criminal investigation of the death of the late Jimmy Altaha.

The foregoing resolution was on June 16, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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