## LAS CRUCES MAN SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS AND A DAY FOR POSSESSING FIREARM WITH OBLITERATED SERIAL NUMBER

LAS CRUCES – Earlier today in federal court, **Jamalle Allen Lowe**, 22, of Las Cruces, N.M., was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison. Lowe, who pled guilty to possessing a firearm with an obliterated serial number on October 17, 2011, will serve a three-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison term.

Lowe was charged by criminal complaint on July 8, 2011, and has been in federal custody since his arrest on August 9, 2011. The complaint alleged that on March 28, 2008, a Las Cruces police officer, who was investigating vehicle burglaries, stopped a Cadillac on Roadrunner Parkway in Las Cruces. Lowe was a passenger in the Cadillac. During a consensual search of the car, officers found a Taurus PT945 .45 caliber pistol with a partially obliterated serial number in the Cadillac's trunk. After waiving his Miranda rights, Lowe admitted that the pistol was his.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Las Cruces Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan J. Lichvarcik.

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