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**MEXICAN NATIONAL TO SERVE 92 MONTHS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING
CONVICTION AND UNLAWFUL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in Albuquerque federal court, **Omar Moises Avila**, 27, was sentenced to a 92-month term of imprisonment for his federal drug trafficking conviction and re-entering the United States without authorization after having previously been deported. Avila, a Mexican national, will be deported after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said Avila was charged in a criminal complaint on March 30, 2011, with a methamphetamine trafficking offense after DEA agents, who were on duty at the Amtrak station in Albuquerque, found a zip-lock bag containing a large quantity of methamphetamine in Avila's luggage.

Avila was indicted on April 13, 2011, and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and re-entry of a removed alien. According to the indictment, Avila previously had been deported to Mexico on January 12, 2006. On October 26, 2011, Avila entered a guilty plea to both counts of the indictment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jon K. Stanford prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the DEA.

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