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**FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON
FOR TRANSPORTING COCAINE ON AMTRAK TRAIN**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Jacksem Philippe**, 36, a resident of Apopka, Fla., was sentenced to a 96-month term of imprisonment for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Philippe will be on supervised release for four years after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Philippe was arrested on April 5, 2011 after DEA agents discovered that he was transporting cocaine on an Amtrak train en route from Los Angeles, Calif., to Chicago, Ill. According to court filings, Philippe was approached by DEA agents during the Amtrak train's routine stop at the Albuquerque station. After Philippe stated that he would not permit them to search his duffle bag, the DEA agents obtained a search warrant authorizing them to search the duffle bag. In the duffle bag, the agents found more than five kilograms of cocaine.

Philippe has been in federal custody since his arrest. He pled guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute on January 19, 2012.

The case was investigated by the DEA and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jon K. Stanford.

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