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**ROSWELL MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY**

*Admits Robbing Allsup's in Roswell, N.M., on August 17, 2011*

LAS CRUCES – U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that yesterday, **Jesse Anthony Leyba**, 22, of Roswell, N.M., pled guilty to a three-count indictment charging him with conspiracy (count 1), interference with interstate commerce by robbery (count 2), and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence (count 3). Leyba, who has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 19, 2011, will remain in custody pending his sentencing hearing, which has not yet been set.

At sentencing, Leyba faces up to 20 years of imprisonment on counts 1 and 2, and a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years of imprisonment on count 3. The seven-year sentence must be served consecutively to any other sentence Leyba receives in the case.

According to court documents filed during Leyba's plea hearing, on August 17, 2011, Leyba entered the Allsup's Convenience Store on Second Street in Roswell and pointed a gun at the store clerk, training the gun's red laser sight on the clerk. Leyba then stole money and beer from the convenience store.

The co-defendant in the case, **Adam Cruz**, 22, also of Roswell, is in federal custody pending trial.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Roswell Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nathan J. Lichvarcik and Andrea Hattan.

Charges in indictments are only accusations. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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