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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR SECOND
ARMED BANK ROBBERY CONVICTION**

*Bank Robber to Serve an Additional 12 Months for Violating Supervised Release Conditions
for a Total Sentence of 63 Months of Imprisonment*

ALBUQUERQUE -- This morning, a federal judge sentenced **Adam Lawrence Griffin**, 24, of Albuquerque, to a 51-month term of imprisonment for his armed bank robbery conviction. Griffin will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence.

Griffin committed the armed bank robbery while on supervised release from an earlier armed bank robbery conviction, and was sentenced to 12 months in prison for violating the conditions of his supervised release. The 12-month sentence will run consecutive to Griffin's 51-month sentence for a total of 63 months of imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Griffin was convicted of robbing the Compass Bank located at 10042 Coors Road NW in Albuquerque at gunpoint on August 2, 2011. According to court filings, on that day, Griffin entered the Bank, brandished a firearm, and demanded cash from a bank teller. After obtaining cash from the teller, Griffin fled in a white vehicle. Griffin was apprehended shortly thereafter and confessed to the bank robbery.

On December 21, 2011, Griffin entered a guilty plea to a one-count indictment charging him with armed bank robbery. In entering his plea, Griffin admitted using a toy gun when he robbed the Compass Bank on August 2, 2011.

Griffin previously was charged with the armed bank robbery of the First Financial Credit Union located at 2201 Rio Rancho Boulevard in Rio Rancho, N.M., on March 27, 2008. He pled guilty to that offense on February 3, 2010, and admitted using an air-gun during the robbery. On August 3, 2010, Griffin was sentenced to a 41-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. Griffin had been released from federal prison only months before robbing the Compass Bank on August 2, 2011.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Walsh, and was investigated by the FBI and Albuquerque Police Department.

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