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ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR FEDERAL DRUG AND FIREARMS CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – Earlier today in federal court, Chris Bustillo, 27, of Albuquerque, N.M., was sentenced to 87 months in prison for his federal drug and firearms conviction. Bustillo will be on supervised release for three years after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Bustillo was charged with drug and firearms charges in a five-count indictment that was filed on Oct. 13, 2011. Bustillo was arrested on the federal charges on Oct. 27, 2011, after he was transferred to federal custody from state custody.

On May 9, 2012, Bustillo pled guilty to a five-count information charging him with (1) unlawful possession of firearm during a drug trafficking crime; (2) being a felon in possession of a firearm; (3) possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; (4) possession of heroin with intent to distribute; and (5) maintaining drug-involved premises. The guilty plea was entered pursuant to a plea agreement in which Bustillo admitted to selling methamphetamine and heroin from his residence on Feb. 22, 2011. Bustillo further admitted that he maintained his residence as a place for distributing and using narcotics, and that he possessed two firearms to protect himself and his drugs.

At the time, Bustillo was prohibited from possessing firearms because he had previously been convicted of possession of a controlled substance in the Third Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico, and of extortion, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and aggravated assault on a peace officer in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico.

The case was investigated by Metropolitan Detention Center Community Custody Program and the Albuquerque Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Cairns.

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