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TWO ROSWELL MEN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON CARJACKING CHARGES

July 22, 2010, a federal grand jury in Las Cruces returned an indictment alleging that Roswell residents Jeremy Ray Conde, 24, and Tommy Peña, 24, committed two carjackings in Roswell in April 2010. The charges alleged in the 17-count indictment include conspiracy, carjacking, and using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

The indictment alleges that on April 6, 2010, Conde and Peña forcibly entered a residence in Roswell, pointed firearms at the individuals inside the residence, and then took the keys to the victims' Cadillac Eldorado before driving away in the vehicle. The indictment further alleges that on April 18, 2010, a shot was fired as Conde and Peña followed another individual to a church parking lot in Roswell. The indictment alleges that after they arrived at the parking lot both Conde and Peña pointed firearms at the individual and threatened him before taking the keys to his Chevrolet pickup truck and driving away in his truck.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales stated:

"Citizens should be safe from violent invasions of their homes and vehicles. All of us in New Mexico should be able to feel secure in our homes and as we travel in our communities. I commend the dedicated efforts of federal and local law enforcement who, working together, make our communities safer for everyone."

Conde and Peña were arrested on a criminal complaint on May 5, 2010, and have been in custody since that date. If convicted of the charges alleged in the indictment, Conde and Peña face a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years of imprisonment.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Roswell, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Roswell Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nathan Lichvarcik.

An indictment or criminal complaint is only an accusation. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.