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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES 27-MONTH PRISON  
SENTENCE FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, today in federal court in Albuquerque, New Mexico, **Robert Colborn**, a 23-year-old Albuquerque resident, was sentenced to 27-months in prison to be followed by a two-year term of supervised release based on his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Colborn was one of 32 defendants indicted on federal and state firearms offenses in June 2010 as part of Operation Jokerz Traderz, a long-term investigation designed to remove unlawfully possessed firearms from the streets of Albuquerque, and to target and prosecute felons in possession of such firearms. During the investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) operated an undercover store-front in Albuquerque, also aptly named “Jokerz Traderz.” ATF operated “Jokerz Traderz” as a thrift store at 1309 San Mateo Blvd. NE. Undercover agents purchased a variety of firearms from a substantial number of individuals, most of whom were later arrested as part of the operation. In total, 230 firearms were removed from the streets of Albuquerque, never to be used again for any unlawful purpose.

Colborn was charged in a one count indictment filed in the case on June 10, 2010. According to the indictment, Colborn was prohibited from possessing firearms because he previously had been convicted of possession of methamphetamine in Lea County. Colborn was arrested on July 20, 2010, and has been in federal custody since that time. On December 20, 2010, Colborn entered a guilty plea to the indictment under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney’s Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Lynn Wang prosecuted the case, which was investigated by ATF.

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