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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES TEN-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE
FOR METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This afternoon in federal court in Albuquerque, a United States District Judge sentenced **Jeremiah Wright**, 24, to a ten-year term of imprisonment to be followed by sixteen years of supervised release for his conviction for conspiracy to violate federal narcotics laws. Wright, a resident of Albuquerque, has been in federal custody since his arrest in October 2009.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Wright was one of 13 defendants charged in a 61-count superseding indictment filed on April 27, 2010. The indictment was the culmination of a two-year organized crime operation that was led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that targeted the drug trafficking activities in and about the San Juan County area.

The superseding indictment charged Wright and his co-defendants with conspiring to violate the federal narcotics laws by distributing methamphetamine in the District of New Mexico between May 2009 and July 2009. Among other offenses, Wright was charged with selling approximately 38.5 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover agent on August 29, 2008, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Wright entered a guilty plea to the conspiracy charge, a firearms charge, and methamphetamine trafficking offenses on April 27, 2011 under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office.

Wright's twelve co-defendants have entered guilty pleas to various counts of the superseding indictment and are awaiting their sentencing hearings.

The case was investigated by the FBI, the DEA and the Region II Narcotics Task Force,

and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jon K. Stanford.

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