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HOUSTON MAN SENTENCED TO 77 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR FEDERAL AMMUNITION CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Joseph Earl Carroll**, 33, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced to a 77-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his conviction for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Carroll has been in federal custody since his arrest on federal charges on November 5, 2010.

Carroll was indicted on December 1, 2010, and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. According to the two-count indictment, Carroll possessed (1) a Lorcin, model L, 9mm caliber pistol, and (2) ammunition on November 11, 2009 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Carroll was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition because he previously had been convicted of a felony, namely, trafficking of a controlled substance, in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico (Bernalillo County). Court filings also reflect that Carroll had several other felony convictions in the state of Texas, including robbery, the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Carroll pled guilty to Count 2 of the indictment, charging him with being a felon in possession of ammunition, on May 10, 2011. Count 1 of the indictment was dismissed after Carroll was sentenced.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was prosecuted by Assistant United States David Walsh and investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Albuquerque Police Department.

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