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**LAS VEGAS MAN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN PRISON**  
**FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Santa Fe, **Charles Richard Lucero**, 42, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, was sentenced to a 70-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Lucero has been in federal custody since his arrest on federal charges on July 6, 2010.

Lucero was indicted on May 11, 2010, and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. According to the indictment, Lucero possessed a Ruger, model P89, 9mm pistol, and ammunition on February 10, 2010 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Lucero was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition because he previously had been convicted of several felonies, including (i) the trafficking cocaine and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, (ii) possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm or destructive device by a felon, and (iv) false imprisonment in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico (Bernalillo County).

Lucero pled guilty to the indictment on November 30, 2010.

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

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