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**ALABAMA MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
FAILING TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

ALBUQUERQUE – U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, this morning in Albuquerque federal court, **Oscar L. Blair**, 38, was sentenced to a 24-month term of imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release for his conviction for failing to update his sex offender registration. While on supervised release, Blair will be subject to special conditions including a psychosexual evaluation upon release from prison, and participation in sex offender treatment. Blair also will be required to submit to clinical polygraph testing and any other specific sex offender testing as directed by the U.S. Probation Office.

Blair was charged in a criminal complaint on January 26, 2011, and subsequently indicted on February 10, 2011 for violating the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). SORNA, also known as the Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act, requires that a convicted sex offender register in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, where the offender is employed, and/or where the offender is a student, and that the sex offender maintain current registrations.

On May 3, 2011, Blair pled guilty to the indictment, and admitted that he was required to register as a sex offender because he had been convicted of two sex offenses in Henry County, Alabama: (1) rape in 1992, and (2) sexual misconduct in 1998. Court filings reveal that Blair first registered as a sex offender as a lifetime registrant in Alabama in March 1997, and updated his registration in Alabama in February 2010. When Blair left Alabama on October 1, 2010 and traveled to New Mexico, he failed to notify law enforcement authorities in Alabama that he was moving out of Alabama, and he failed to notify law enforcement authorities in New Mexico of

his new address in New Mexico. Blair was required to make these notifications to the states of Alabama and New Mexico, and to register as a sex offender in Bernalillo County when he moved to New Mexico in October 2010.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Barth, and was investigated by the U.S. Marshal's Service.

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