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ROSWELL MAN SENTENCED TO 100 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FEDERAL METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CONVICTION

LAS CRUCES – Yesterday afternoon, a federal district judge in Las Cruces, N.M., sentenced **Rey D. Muñoz**, 40, of Roswell, N.M., to a 100-month term of imprisonment. After he completes his prison sentence, Muñoz will be on supervised release for four years.

Muñoz has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 22, 2011. On December 20, 2011, Munoz entered a guilty plea to an indictment charging him with distribution of methamphetamine. In entering his plea, Muñoz admitted that on August 7, 2011, he sold 46.7 grams of pure methamphetamine in Roswell.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Muñoz was arrested and charged part of a 2011 DEA Mobile Enforcement Team (“MET”) operation in Roswell. The four-month long MET investigation, which was led by DEA with assistance from the Chaves County Metro Narcotics Task Force and in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney’s Las Cruces Branch Office, resulted in federal drug trafficking charges against more than 50 defendants.

The DEA’s MET program was created in 1995 in response to violent drug-trafficking organizations in towns and cities across the nation. MET teams are deployed on a temporary basis to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement in the disruption or dismantlement of violent drug trafficking. There have been fourteen MET deployments in New Mexico since the inception of the program. The MET deployment in Roswell was initiated based on a request from U.S. Attorney Gonzales and the Roswell Police Department to address a surge in violent criminal street gang activity directly associated with drug trafficking in Chaves County.

The MET operation in Roswell received support from the U.S. Marshal’s Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Roswell Police Department, the Chaves County Sheriff’s Office, the Lea County Drug Task Force, and the New Mexico State Police.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah M. Davenport.

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