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ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR BANK ROBBERY CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – Earlier today in federal court, Cameron Isaac Bernache, 20, of Albuquerque, N.M., was sentenced to a 37-month term of imprisonment for his bank robbery conviction. Bernache will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence. Bernache also was ordered to pay full restitution to the victim bank.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that, on Nov. 14, 2011, Bernache pled guilty to robbing Compass Bank located at 4224 Fourth Street NW in Albuquerque on July 1, 2011.

Court records reflect that, on July 1, 2011, Bernache entered the Bank, provided the teller with a note announcing a bank robbery, and demanded money. After Bernache obtained cash from the bank teller, he fled the bank on foot. Thereafter, the FBI and Albuquerque Police Department (APD) received a tip from a source that recognized Bernache from a news report about the bank robbery. The FBI and APD used Bernache's photo in a photographic line-up that was shown to the bank teller; the teller positively identified Bernache as the bank robber. Bernache was arrested on Sept. 2, 2011, and has been in federal custody since that time.

The case was investigated by the Albuquerque office of the FBI and APD, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Louis E. Valencia.

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