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ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR USING A FIREARM TO ROB A RESTAURANT

ALBUQUERQUE – U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that yesterday, Raymundo Jarquin-Garcia, 20, of Albuquerque, was sentenced to 120 months in prison for his conviction for carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. Jarquin-Garcia will be on supervised release for two years after he completes his prison sentence.

Jarquin-Garcia was arrested on June 21, 2011, on a criminal complaint and has been in federal custody since his arrest. On June 22, 2011, Jarquin-Garcia was charged in an indictment with (1) violating the Hobbs Act by interfering with a business involved in interstate commerce by robbery and violence; and (2) carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence conviction.

On May 11, 2012, Jarquin-Garcia pled guilty to Count 2 of the indictment, the firearms offense. According to the plea agreement, Jarquin-Garcia admitted entering the Filiberto's Mexican Food restaurant located at 4011 Central Avenue NW in Albuquerque, with a firearm, brandishing the firearm at the cashier, and ordering the cashier to put cash into his backpack. After obtaining cash from the cashier, Jarquin-Garcia left the restaurant. Jarquin-Garcia also admitted that, as he ran to his vehicle, a restaurant employee and another person attempted to follow him until he turned around and fired several gun shots into the air.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Count 1 of the indictment was dismissed at sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Albuquerque Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Brawley.

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