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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 29, 2011

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that William Albert Zacholl, also known as “*Billy Bones*” was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge William Q. Hayes to serve 110 months in custody and three years of supervised release, based upon his June 17, 2010 guilty plea to being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun.

In his guilty plea, Zacholl admitted that he illegally possessed firearms at his Lemon Grove residence on February 16, 2011, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2) (Felon in Possession of a Firearm). He also admitted that he possessed an unregistered shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, at a residence in El Cajon on March 5, 2011, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5845(a), 5861(d), and 5871 (Possession of an Unregistered Sawed-off Shotgun). Both of these counts of conviction are felonies.

At the sentencing hearing, the Court described the circumstances of Zacholl’s offense. On February 16, 2011, San Diego Police Department officers met with their Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

to execute a search warrant of Zacholl's residence. Upon arrival of officers and SWAT team members at his residence, defendant fled from law enforcement, maneuvering around officers on foot, and eventually reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Zacholl was later arrested at a residence in El Cajon on March 3, 2011 following the execution of a second search warrant and a SWAT stand-off. Officers recovered a sawed-off shotgun and a .22 caliber Derringer pistol from the defendant's living quarters.

According to court records, Zacholl, was previously convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, on September 1, 1995, of being under the influence of a special controlled substance while in possession of a firearm, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11550(e); on March 20, 1996, of transportation of a controlled substance, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11379(a); and on December 2, 2002, of transportation of a controlled substance, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11379(a).

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 10cr1223-WQH

William Albert Zacholl

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2)(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)
Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5845(a), 5861(d), and 5871 (Possession of an Unregistered Sawed-off Shotgun)

AGENCIES

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
San Diego Police Department Gang Team Six
San Diego Police Department Gang Suppression Team