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**FARMINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO 18.5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
FEDERAL METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, this afternoon in federal court in Albuquerque, **Isaac Herrera**, 25, of Farmington, received an 18.5 year (222 months) prison sentence for his federal methamphetamine trafficking conviction. Herrera will be on supervised release for five years after he completes his prison sentence.

Herrera was indicted on February 23, 2010 and was charged with (1) being a felon in possession of a firearm; (2) using a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and (3) possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, in San Juan County on September 20, 2009. According to the indictment, before September 20, 2009, Herrera previously had been convicted of four felony offenses (distribution of a controlled substance, receiving a stolen firearm, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and shooting at a dwelling or occupied building) in the Eleventh Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico (San Juan County). Herrera was arrested on March 23, 2010, and has been in federal custody since that time. On February 28, 2011, Herrera entered a guilty plea to count 3 of the indictment charging him with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. In entering his plea, Herrera admitted that, on September 20, 2009 in Farmington, New Mexico, he was in possession of 82.4 grams of methamphetamine and that he intended to distribute the methamphetamine to another person. The court dismissed the remaining two counts of the indictment at the conclusion of today's sentencing hearing.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Farmington Police Department. It was prosecuted

by Assistant United States Attorney Jack E. Burkhead.

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