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**FARMINGTON MAN RECEIVES TEN YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR
FEDERAL METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Ernie Martinez**, a 49-year-old resident of Farmington, New Mexico, was sentenced to ten-years of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his federal methamphetamine trafficking conviction.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said Martinez was indicted on September 9, 2009 as a result of an August 25, 2008 law enforcement operation in Farmington during which Martinez sold methamphetamine to an undercover agent of the Region II Narcotics Task Force. Martinez was arrested on February 22, 2010, and has been in federal custody since that time.

On October 14, 2010, Martinez entered a guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office. In the plea agreement, Martinez admitted that, on August 25, 2008, he sold approximately 17.1 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover agent of the Region II Narcotics Task Force.

This case was investigated by the Region II Narcotics Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jon K. Stanford.

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