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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES TEN YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR  
CONVICTION ON CRACK COCAINE AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

ALBUQUERQUE – On July 12, 2011 in federal court in Albuquerque, **Joe Louis Larribas**, 36, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was sentenced to ten years of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for his conviction on federal firearms and crack cocaine trafficking charges. Larribas was sentenced to five years' imprisonment on the firearms offense and an additional five years' imprisonment on the narcotics offense. The sentence is to be served concurrently to Larribas' remaining sentence imposed in the Second Judicial District Court Case No. 2009-2382. Larribas has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 17, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that, on March 25, 2011, Larribas pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number and possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. Court records reflect that Larribas was charged with the firearms offense based on evidence recovered when officers of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, South Valley Street Crimes Unit, executed a search warrant at Larribas' home in the South Valley of Albuquerque on January 9, 2009. Larribas was charged with the crack cocaine trafficking offense based on a transaction that occurred on December 23, 2008, during which Larribas sold .25 grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant working for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David M. Walsh.

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