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**TWO BROTHERS RECEIVE TEN YEAR PRISON SENTENCES  
FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKING CONVICTIONS**

ALBUQUERQUE – On August 2, 2011, in federal court in Albuquerque, a United States District Judge sentenced two brothers, **Jose Beltran-Lopez**, 30, and **Guillermo Beltran-Lopez**, 36, to ten-year terms of imprisonment. The Beltran-Lopez brothers, who are Mexican nationals, have been in federal custody since their arrests in January 2010. They will be deported after completing their prison sentences.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the Beltran -Lopez brothers were charged in a five-count superseding indictment filed on March 11, 2010 based on a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigation targeting drug trafficking in Albuquerque. The superseding indictment charged the Beltran-Lopez brothers with conspiring to violate the federal narcotics laws by distributing heroine and methamphetamine, possession of heroin and methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and re-entry by previously removed aliens.

Court records reflect that, when DEA agents executed a search warrant at the residence of the Beltran-Lopez brothers on January 13, 2010, they seized more than 1200 grams of heroin, 179 grams of methamphetamine, 25 grams of cocaine, and \$36,000 in cash. The Beltran-Lopez brothers each entered a guilty plea to the count 2 of the superseding indictment, charging them with possession of heroin with intent to distribute on September 9, 2010 under plea agreements with the United States Attorney's Office. The remaining four counts of the superseding indictment were dismissed at the conclusion of yesterday's sentencing hearing.

The case was investigated by the DEA, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Linda Mott.

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