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**PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL FIREARMS AND IMMIGRATION CHARGES**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Sigfredo Gill-Chavez**, 22, a Mexican national, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with (i) being an alien in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and (ii) re-entry of a removed alien under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office. At sentencing, which has yet to be scheduled, Gill-Chavez faces a maximum ten year term of imprisonment on the firearms offense and a maximum twenty years' imprisonment on the immigration offense. Gill-Chavez will be deported after completing his prison sentence.

According to court records, on March 31, 2011, law enforcement officers arrested Gill-Chavez for unlawful possession of a firearm in Santa Fe County. At the time, Gill-Chavez admitted that he purchased the firearm with the intention of sending it to Mexico. On April 11, 2011, immigration officials determined that Gill-Chavez previously had been deported from the United States in June 2010. Gill-Chavez was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 9, 2011, and was arrested on June 17, 2011. He has been in federal custody since that time.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Brawley.

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