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**ROSWELL MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL
METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING OFFENSES**

LAS CRUCES – Today in federal court in Albuquerque, **Javier Torres**, 28, of Roswell, New Mexico, pled guilty to an indictment charging him with one count of conspiracy and two counts of distribution of methamphetamine. At sentencing, Torres faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years of imprisonment, a maximum \$10,000,000 fine, and not less than five years of supervised release. Torres has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 7, 2010, and remains detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Torres and co-defendant Stanley Montoya, 20, also of Roswell, were charged with violating the federal narcotics laws based on methamphetamine sales that took place in Roswell, New Mexico on November 4 and 5, 2009. The two men initially were federally charged by criminal complaint on August 18, 2010, and subsequently were indicted on November 18, 2010.

According to the criminal complaint, on November 4, 2009, Torres and Montoya delivered 41 grams of pure methamphetamine to an individual who, unbeknownst to them was cooperating with law enforcement officers (the cooperator), in exchange for \$3,400. The next day, Torres and Montoya delivered 37 grams of pure methamphetamine to the cooperator in exchange for \$3,200.

Montoya pled guilty to the indictment on December 17, 2010, and was sentenced to ten years of imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised released on April 19, 2011.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Chaves County Drug Task Force, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael

D. Nammar and Nathan Lichvarcik.

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