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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES TEN YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR
FEDERAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND FIREARMS CONVICTIONS**

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in federal court in Albuquerque, **Blake Brown**, 27, of Albuquerque, was sentenced to a ten year prison term for his conviction on federal methamphetamine trafficking and firearms charges. Brown will be on supervised release for four years following his release from prison. Brown has been in federal custody since his arrest on December 7, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that, on March 16, 2011, Brown pled guilty to Counts 1 and 3 of a Superseding Indictment charging him with possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime on March 15, 2010, and possession of more than five grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

When he entered his guilty plea, Brown admitted that, on March 15, 2010, he possessed approximately 31.19 grams of methamphetamine that he intended to distribute. Brown also admitted possession of a loaded 9mm Ruger handgun, ammunition, a digital scale and narcotics packaging material in his vehicle, and acknowledged using the firearm in relation to his drug trafficking activities.

The case was investigated by the Westside Narcotics Unit of the Albuquerque Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney C. Paige Messec.

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