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**FARMINGTON MAN RECEIVES 20 YEAR SENTENCE FOR FEDERAL
METHAMPHETAMINE AND FIREARMS CONVICTIONS**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning, **Curtis Ray Williams**, 46, of Farmington, N.M., was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for his convictions on methamphetamine trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Williams will be on supervised release for five years after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S., Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Williams was sentenced for offenses charged in two separate federal cases. Williams was indicted in the first case on June 10, 2010, and was charged with unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition on January 10, 2008 in San Juan County. Williams was prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammunition on that day because he previously had been convicted of five felony methamphetamine trafficking offenses in the 11th Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico (San Juan County). Williams was indicted in the second case on October 14, 2010, and charged in a superseding indictment with (1) being a felon in possession of a firearm; (2) possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and (3) possession of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Williams was arrested in October 2010, and has been in federal custody since that time. On March 9, 2011, Williams pled guilty to the indictment in the first case, and Count 3 of the superseding indictment in the second case, under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office. Counts 1 and 2 of the superseding indictment were dismissed after Williams was sentenced.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

and the Farmington Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack E. Burkhead.

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