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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED ROBBERY
OF FAST FOOD RESTAURANT IN MORIARTY**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, Abraham Sedillo, 26, of Albuquerque, N.M., pled guilty to an indictment charging him with a violation of the Hobbs Act without the benefit of a plea agreement. At sentencing, Sedillo faces up to twenty years of imprisonment. He remains in federal custody pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the federal charge against Sedillo arose out of his armed robbery of a Blake's Lotaburger Restaurant in Moriarty, N.M., on Sept. 12, 2011.

According to court records, on the night of Sept. 12, 2011, Sedillo, who was armed with a revolver, and an unidentified co-conspirator, who was armed with a knife, entered the Blake's Lotaburger Restaurant shortly before its 10:00 p.m. closing time. Sedillo and his accomplice jumped over the counter, brandished their weapons at two employees, and demanded money. After the accomplice grabbed a container of money from the employees, the two robbers ran out of the restaurant.

During interviews with the Moriarity Police Department, the employees reported recognizing Sedillo because he had been employed at the restaurant in fall and winter of 2010. On Sept. 13, 2011, officers of the Albuquerque Police Department arrested Sedillo in Albuquerque, based on a state arrest warrant obtained by the Moriarity Police Department.

Sedillo remained in local custody until April 11, 2012, when he was transferred to federal custody based on a federal indictment charging him with violating the Hobbs Act by interfering with a business engaged in interstate commerce by robbery.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the Moriarity Police Department and the Albuquerque Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Raul Torrez.

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