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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY
TO ROBBING BANK IN SANTA FE

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning, Jaime Jesus Sanchez-Ramos, 23, a Mexican national, pled guilty to a bank robbery charge under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney’s Office. At sentencing, which has yet to be scheduled, Sanchez-Ramos faces a maximum penalty of 20 years of imprisonment. He will be deported after he completes his prison sentence.

Sanchez-Ramos was arrested on April 10, 2012, on a criminal complaint charging him with robbing a bank on April 2, 2012. Subsequently, on May 8, 2012, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Sanchez-Ramos with robbing the following four Santa Fe-area banks: (1) the Century Bank, located at 1790 Saint Michael’s Drive, on Jan. 26, 2012; (2) the New Mexico Bank and Trust, located at 1549 Paseo de Peralta, on Feb. 15, 2012; (3) the Bank of Albuquerque, located at 706 Saint Michael’s Drive, on March 16, 2012 ; and (4) the U.S. Bank, located at 3787 Cerrillos Road, on Apr. 2, 2012.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that, during this morning’s proceedings, Sanchez-Ramos pled guilty to Count 4 of the indictment, charging him with robbing the U.S. Bank on April 2, 2012.

Under the terms of his plea agreement, Sanchez-Ramos is required to pay full restitution to the four Banks identified in the indictment, and the three remaining counts of the indictment will be dismissed after Sanchez-Ramos is sentenced.

The case was investigated by the Santa Fe office of the FBI and the Santa Fe Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lynn W.Y. Wang and C. Paige Messec.

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