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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO 48-MONTH  
PRISON TERM FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in federal court in Albuquerque, **Anthony Apodaca**, a 35-year-old resident of Albuquerque, was sentenced to 48-months' imprisonment to be followed by a 3-year term of supervised release based on his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Apodaca has been in federal custody since his arrest on April 15, 2010. On October 28, 2010, Apodaca entered a guilty plea to a one-count indictment charging him as a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office.

According to the indictment, Apodaca was convicted of aggravated battery against a household member in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of New Mexico, and thus was prohibited from possession of firearms and ammunition. Despite this prior conviction, Apodaca was in possession of a firearm and ammunition on June 13, 2009.

Assistant United States Attorney Louis Valencia prosecuted this case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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