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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES 77-MONTH PRISON SENTENCE
FOR FEDERAL CARJACKING CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Santa Fe, **Kenneth Ray Martinez**, 25, of Albuquerque, was sentenced to a 77-month term of imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release for his carjacking conviction. Martinez also is required to pay full restitution to the victim of his carjacking crime. Martinez, who has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 16, 2010, entered a guilty plea to count 2 of a two-count indictment charging him and a co-defendant with (1) conspiracy to commit carjacking, and (2) carjacking, on December 20, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Martinez and his co-defendant, Albuquerque resident **Philip Talachy**, 21, carjacked a black Chevrolet Tahoe at a parking lot located at 3020 Morris NE in Albuquerque on July 12, 2010. According to the indictment, which was filed on August 25, 2010, Martinez and Talachy agreed to carjack someone in order to obtain money. The two armed themselves with knives, went to the parking lot, approached the owner of the Chevrolet Tahoe, and threatened to stab her. Martinez and Talachy took the victim's jewelry and car keys, and then drove away in her Chevrolet Tahoe.

Court filings reflect that Martinez and Talachy were arrested by the officers of the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) on July 12, 2010, and that the two men were in state custody until they were transferred to federal custody in September 2010. Filings also reflect that, in post arrest statements, Martinez and Talachy stated that they had agreed to commit the carjacking in order to obtain money to purchase heroin.

In entering his plea on December 20, 2010, Martinez admitted that he and Talachy

forcibly took a vehicle from the owner of the vehicle by threatening her with a knife. On December 23, 2010, Talachy also entered a guilty plea to count 2 of the indictment, the carjacking offense. Talachy has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 16, 2010, and remains detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be set.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and APD, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Norman Cairns.

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