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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN SENTENCED TO 95 MONTHS IN
PRISON FOR FEDERAL CRACK COCAINE CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, Albuquerque resident **Timothy Bland**, 46, was sentenced to a 95-month term of imprisonment to be followed by four years of supervised release based on his federal narcotics conviction.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Bland was charged on August 26, 2008, in a single-count sealed indictment alleging that he possessed more than five grams of crack cocaine in Bernalillo County on June 26, 2008. Court records reveal that the charge against Bland stemmed from his arrest by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) on June 26, 2008 for trafficking crack cocaine out of his Albuquerque motel room. During a search of Bland's room, the APD officers found approximately 132.50 grams of crack cocaine. The indictment was unsealed on February 3, 2009 after Bland was arrested on the federal charge. Bland was ordered detained following his arrest and has been in federal custody since that time. On June 24, 2010, Bland pleaded guilty to the indictment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the APD, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Jon Ganjei.

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