San Juan County felon sentenced to prison

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Violated federal firearms laws

ALBUQUERQUE – Justin Krantz, 32, of Aztec, N.M., was sentenced July 13 in federal court in Albuquerque to 57 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Krantz arrested in Nov. 2016, on an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on May 4, 2016, in San Juan County, N.M. According to the indictment, Krantz was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition because of his prior conviction on drug trafficking charges.

On April 11, Krantz pled guilty to the indictment and admitted that on May 4, he was in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Krantz further admitted that he was prohibited from being in possession of firearms or ammunition because of his prior felony convictions.

This case was investigated by the Albuquerque office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the San Juan County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Eva Fontanez prosecuted the case.