

Cibola County man pleads guilty to federal bank robbery charge

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ALBUQUERQUE – Daniel Albert Chavez, 53, of Acoma, N.M., pled guilty today in federal court in Albuquerque, N.M., to robbing a Wells Fargo Bank branch in Grants, N.M. Chavez was arrested on March 29, 2016, on an indictment charging him with robbing two banks in Cibola County, N.M.

According to the indictment, Chavez robbed the Bank of New Mexico branch located at 824 West Santa Fe Ave. in Grants on Feb. 20, 2015, and the Wells Fargo Bank branch located at 201 North First St. in Grants on Oct. 20, 2015.

During today's plea hearing, Chavez pled guilty to one bank robbery charge, and admitted robbing the Wells Fargo Bank located at 201 North First St. in Grants, on Oct. 20, 2015. At sentencing, Chavez faces a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. Chavez remains in custody pending a sentencing hearing which has yet to be scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Gallup office of the FBI and the Grants Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Han is prosecuting the case.