

ABQ man prosecuted under FBI's 'Worst of the Worst' Ant-Violence Initiative

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ALBUQUERQUE – Oscar Anchondo, 40, of Albuquerque, was sentenced June 7 in federal court to 100 months in prison for his conviction on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and the armed robbery of two Albuquerque-area convenience stores that were engaged in interstate commerce.

Anchondo will be on supervised release for three years after completing his prison sentence.

Anchondo was arrested in Oct. 2015, on a criminal complaint charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on Oct. 6, 2015, in Sandoval County, N.M. According to the criminal complaint, on Oct. 6, 2015, a resident of the Town of Bernalillo called the Bernalillo Police Department to report a stolen vehicle.

The victim reported that Anchondo stole the vehicle after threatening to kill her, and that Anchondo was armed when he made the threat. Officers responded to the call and located the vehicle parked in the driveway of another residence in Bernalillo. In response to an inquiry from the officers, an occupant of the residence said that Anchondo was in the residence.

Anchondo was subsequently indicted on the same charge on Dec. 17, 2015. According to court records, on Oct. 6, 2015, Anchondo was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition because he previously had been convicted of the following felony offenses in state court: armed robbery with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery with a deadly weapon, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Sept. 6, 2016, Anchondo entered a guilty plea to the indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and to a felony information charging him with two counts of

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violating the Hobbs Act. In entering the guilty plea, Anchondo admitted the following criminal conduct:

On Sept. 29, 2015, Anchondo entered the Giant convenience store located at 6100 San Mateo Blvd. NE in Albuquerque, threatened the store employees with a firearm, demanded money, and robbed the employee of cash.

On Sept. 29, 2015, Anchondo entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 1801 San Pedro Dr. NE in Albuquerque, threatened the store employees with a firearm, demanded money, and robbed the employee of cash.

On Oct. 6, 2015, Anchondo was in possession of a firearm during a standoff with police who were attempting to arrest him for the offense charged in the criminal complaint, and that he was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition because of his status as a convicted felon.

This case was investigated by the ATF office in Albuquerque and the Bernalillo Police Department with assistance from the Albuquerque Police Department and the Rio Rancho Police Department.

It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Brawley under a federal anti-violence initiative that targets "the worst of the worst" offenders for federal prosecution.