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## **CLOVIS: AG Balderas Announces Convicted Murderer to Stay in Prison**

*Clovis, NM* – This afternoon, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that convicted murderer Albert Jose Ramirez will remain in prison after the New Mexico Supreme Court agreed with the Office of the Attorney General Criminal Appeals Division by affirming his murder conviction. Ramirez was found guilty by a Curry County jury for murdering his mother’s boyfriend at her Clovis home in 2007. Ramirez shot the victim multiple times including bullets to the head as the victim lay on the ground.

“A tragedy of this nature involving family members is hard to understand, but I hope today’s decision can bring closure to the family of the victim and to the Curry County community as Mr. Ramirez will serve out his life sentence in prison,” said Attorney General Balderas. “I want to thank the Clovis Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office for their work on this case.”

Ramirez appealed his conviction citing seven arguments, but the New Mexico Supreme Court disagreed with all of them and affirmed his murder conviction. The Office of the Attorney General Criminal Appeals Division handles all murder conviction appeals in the State of New Mexico.

See attached for a photo of Ramirez and for the Supreme Court’s decision.

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