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## **AG Balderas & DA Torrez Announce 20 Year Sentence for Man Who Robbed Mother & Children at Gunpoint in Smith's Parking Lot**

*Albuquerque, NM* – Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas and Second Judicial District Attorney Raúl Torrez announced that Lloyd Aguilar was sentenced this week to 20 years in prison followed by 8 years of supervised probation for robbing a mother and her three children at gunpoint in a Smith's parking lot on the Westside of Albuquerque. Aguilar was convicted by a Bernalillo County jury on March 17, 2017 after a weeklong trial. The case was jointly prosecuted by the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General and Second Judicial District Attorney's Office.

"I am focused on keeping the most dangerous, violent offenders off our streets, and our office will continue to partner with the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office and district attorney's offices around the state to further our mission of a safer New Mexico for our children and families," **Attorney General Hector Balderas** said. "I want to thank the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office for their partnership on this case, and I hope the victims of this heinous crime feel safer tonight knowing that Mr. Aguilar will be in prison for a very long time."

"I am committed to marshalling the resources necessary to make Bernalillo County safe by working with our local, state and federal partners," **District Attorney Raúl Torrez** said. "This case is an example of prosecuting agencies working together to make our community safer by removing the most violent and repeat offenders from the streets of Bernalillo County."

Aguilar was convicted on all counts in the indictment which includes:

- 1. Armed Robbery with a 1 year firearm enhancement (mandatory serious violent offense)*
- 2. Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery*
- 3. Child Abuse - Intentional (No Death or Great Bodily Harm) with a 1 year firearm enhancement (designated as serious violent offense at sentencing)*
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- 6. Tampering with Evidence*

Mark Probasco from the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General and Natalie Strub from the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office prosecuted this case.

Please see attached for a photo of Aguilar.

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