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**FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM SENTENCED**

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** – Daniel Trivino Gonzales, 23, of Lansing, was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge Jack Zouhary to serve 64 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, and for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine; U.S. Attorney Charles R. Gross announced today. In addition, Gonzales will serve three years on supervised release following his term in prison.

Gonzales previously pled guilty to illegally possessing a .38 caliber revolver and possessing a quantity of crack cocaine with intent to sell the cocaine, based on an incident that took place on October 25, 2006, when Lansing police executed a search warrant at 1006 1/2 East Grand River. Upon arrival at the scene, officers found Gonzales in the attic bedroom. Gonzales attempted to hide the gun and drugs, but admitted that they were his and that he sold crack under the street name “Dino.” Defendant had previously been convicted of a felony and was prohibited by state and federal law from possessing any firearm.

U.S. Attorney Gross commended the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Lansing Police Department for their work in the case. U.S. Attorney Gross noted that “the citizens of Southwest Michigan should understand that, despite our many prospective

priorities, we remain fully committed to vigorously enforcing the federal laws against the illegal possession of firearms by convicted felons and possession of and sale of illegal drugs.” This case was prosecuted on behalf of the United States of America by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. Schipper.

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