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TWO CONVICTED FELONS SENTENCED IN CARJACKING CASE

NEW BERN - United States Attorney George E. B. Holding announced that in federal court today Chief United States District Judge Louise Wood Flanagan sentenced **RICHARD LEON MCKIVER**, 42, of Jersey City, New Jersey to 431 months imprisonment, five years supervised release and had a \$400 special assessment imposed.

On June 11, 2007, **MCKIVER** pleaded guilty to carjacking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2119; using a gun during a federal crime of violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c); robbery of a business engaged in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951; and felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g). His co-defendant, **JINNESE NAVARRO**, 31, also of Jersey City, New Jersey, was sentenced to 276 months imprisonment, five years supervised release, and had a \$400 special assessment imposed on the same charges. **NAVARRO** pleaded guilty on August 13, 2007.

On June 21, 2006, **MCKIVER** and **NAVARRO** carjacked a vehicle at gunpoint in Fayetteville, North Carolina. They fled the scene in

the stolen car and proceeded to Lashley's Motel in White Lake, North Carolina, where they then robbed the motel at gunpoint.

After committing the motel robbery, law enforcement were notified and a high speed chase resulted with **MCKIVER** and **NAVARRO**. **MCKIVER** lost control of his vehicle and crashed. Both then took off on foot with a Bladen County Deputy Sheriff in pursuit. The Deputy was able to catch **MCKIVER**, who resisted arrest. **NAVARRO** assisted **MCKIVER** by jumping on the Deputy and taking his service revolver. **NAVARRO** gave the gun to **MCKIVER** who told the Deputy, "I should kill you." Without injuring the deputy, again, **MCKIVER** and **NAVARRO** fled the scene, this time in the Deputy's vehicle and crashed that automobile. **NAVARRO** and **MCKIVER**, both convicted felons, were arrested later that day.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Fayetteville Police Department; and the Bladen County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jane Jackson was prosecution for the government. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods' Zero Tolerance for gun violence.

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