



'Terrorism' Case Ends in a Whimper

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What was once billed as a "domestic terrorism" case ended Thursday with a whimper in federal court.

Gregory Rose, 51, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Bruce Black to 351 days in prison — time Rose already has served.

He had pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Black noted during sentencing that there was "a lot of spin" surrounding the case.

He also suggested the U.S. Marshals Service might have handled the case differently and spared Rose's pets which died while he was in jail.

Gregory Rose and his brother Geoffrey Rose, were arrested in a SWAT raid by the Marshals Service and other law enforcement agencies on their home in a remote area of Catron County in February 2006.

A follow-up news conference announced the arrests on 15-year-old federal warrants out of Kansas. The brothers were described as "at risk of committing an act against the federal government."

The case in Kansas was thrown out because of the 15-year delay in prosecution, but the brothers subsequently were indicted in New Mexico on gun and marijuana charges. They spent almost a year in jail on the Kansas charges, a prosecution appeal of the dismissal and the New Mexico indictment.

Rose and his brother were convicted in Kansas in 1981 on marijuana and gun charges.

Rose's attorney Robert Gorence said law enforcement agencies had "recirculated unfounded allegations that were based on unsubstantiated rumors" and that "Mr. Rose does not like to be depicted as someone who is violent."



GEOFFREY ROSE: Arrested in 2006 SWAT raid



GREGORY ROSE: Sentenced to time spent