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Jose Florez-Sosa was sentenced in Lincoln County District Court on May 23 for a shooting that took place in Wallace back in November 2010.

Judge John Murphy sentenced the 28-year-old Wallace man to prison for 5-10 years on a conviction of assault with a dangerous weapon which was part of an earlier plea bargain.

Sosa-Florez was originally charged with two Class II felonies and faced a maximum 100 years imprisonment if convicted of both crimes. Charges were reduced to one Class III felony.

Sosa-Florez is in the U.S. illegally. He was given 183 days credit for time served and will face deportation following his incarceration.

Sosa-Florez shot Leopoldo Apodoca Munoz, 23, in the stomach with a shotgun at the Wallace roping arena where they met to settle a dispute over payment of a \$100 bet on the outcome of a televised boxing match.

When they met at the arena, Florez-Sosa was accompanied by armed brothers Ezequiel Rodriguez-Serrano and Sergio Jesus Rodriguez-Serrano, both of Wellfleet, who were charged as accessories in the crime.

Ezequiel Rodriguez-Serrano was sentenced May 23 to 225 days in Lincoln County Jail, with credit for 183 days served. With good time factored in, he has completed his sentence. However, he is also in the U.S. illegally and was turned over to immigration for deportation the same day.