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# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

FROM THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER VALERIE ESPINOZA

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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Victim of Carjacking & Kidnapping Won't be Charged by Wrecker Service**

**SANTA FE** – Feeling compassion for a young man recently featured in a television news story, New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Valerie Espinoza requested PRC Transportation Division Director Avelino Gutierrez look into the matter in reference to towing charges. The matter in question involved a young man who was held at gunpoint, robbed, carjacked and kidnapped. He was also being held liable for more than \$200 in towing fees for the recovered stolen vehicle.

Commissioner Espinoza expressed relief when Transportation Division Director Gutierrez informed her that the Albuquerque-based wrecker service, Lobo Towing, waived the towing and vehicle storage fees for this young man's vehicle.

"I greatly appreciate Lobo Towing for being an exceptional neighbor to this young man and his family, and responding to this situation in a conscientious and realistic manner," Espinoza stated. "The victim must have been petrified and feared for his life, and then on top of that, to be subjected to fees to recover his vehicle seemed unfair. It's obvious to me that Lobo Towing, too, felt compassion for this young man's situation."

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