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## **CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 43 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION**

PHOENIX – Carlos Cernak, 27, of Glendale, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton to 43 months in federal prison on the charge of Felon in Possession of Ammunition and for committing the offense while on federal supervised release. On May 27, 2009, Cernak pleaded guilty to the offense and admitted that he committed it while on supervised release for a previous felony conviction.

Cernak admitted that on January 28, 2009, he possessed 50 rounds of .25 caliber ammunition while on federal supervised release. He also admitted that he has three prior felony convictions for Attempted Aggravated Assault, through the Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County, March 1999; and for Theft of Firearms From a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer and Felon in Possession of Firearms, through U.S. District Court, District of Arizona in September 2002.

Just prior to the most recent offense, Cernak was observed by ATF agents leaving a local Glendale gun store with a package. Initially the agents identified Cernak, confirmed that he had a felony record and learned that he was on supervised release. Upon further investigation, the agents learned that Cernak had just purchased ammunition.

Phoenix Police Officers stopped Cernak's car for a traffic violation. After the stop, the ammunition was found in the center console of the car and Cernak was arrested at the scene without incident.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Phoenix Police Department and the U.S. Probation Office. The prosecution was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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