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Jackman Woman Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Jean Keiper**, 58, of Jackman, was sentenced on September 16, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to time served, 3 years supervised release, and a Special Assessment of \$100, for possession of a firearm after commitment to a mental health hospital. Keiper pled guilty on December 18, 2008.

Court records reveal that in 2008, Keiper stole her estranged husband's .357 magnum revolver from his residence, and hid it under the deck of the residence. Keiper called a medical center and threatened to harm another person and herself with the gun. As a person who had twice been involuntarily committed to mental institutions, Keiper was prohibited from possessing firearms.

This case was a part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, and the Maine Warden Service with assistance from Customs and Border Protection.

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