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ARTESIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGE

LAS CRUCES – Yesterday afternoon in federal court in Las Cruces, **Brian Q. Taylor**, 32, pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Taylor, a resident of Artesia, New Mexico, has been in federal custody since December 20, 2010, and will remain detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled. At sentencing, Taylor could receive up to ten years of imprisonment.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charge arose out of conduct occurring on August 28, 2009, in Eddy County, New Mexico. According to the indictment, Taylor possessed a Jennings Model J-22, .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The indictment alleges that Taylor was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had prior felony convictions in New Mexico state district court in Eddy County for possession of methamphetamine, and receiving or transferring a stolen motor vehicle.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Eddy County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Roswell Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacob A. Wishard.

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