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LAS CRUCES MAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE

LAS CRUCES – Today in federal court in Las Cruces, **Matthew Devins**, 36, pled guilty to an information charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Devins, a Las Cruces resident, has been in federal custody since his arrest on February 28, 2011, and will remain detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said Devins pleaded guilty to possessing a Glock Model 23, .40 caliber handgun. According to the criminal complaint, during an August 19, 2010 search of Devins' residence, a probation officer found the gun in a bedroom closet. The complaint alleges that Devins was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had a prior state felony drug conviction.

The maximum penalty for the offense is ten years in prison and three years of supervised release. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Aaron O. Jordan.

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