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**ALBUQUERQUE MAN RECEIVES 100 MONTH SENTENCE FOR
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This afternoon, **Fernando Julian Baeza**, 27, of Albuquerque, was sentenced to 100 months imprisonment for unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales. Baeza will be on supervised release for two years after he completes his prison sentence.

On February 24, 2011, Baeza was charged in a two-count indictment with (1) being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and (2) possession of an unregistered firearm. According to the indictment, Baeza unlawfully possessed a Sears, Roebuck & Company, model 101.100, 20 gauge weapon made from a shotgun and ammunition on August 29, 2010 in McKinley County. At the time, Baeza was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition because he previously had been convicted of attempted aggravated battery with a deadly weapon in the Eleventh Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico.

Baeza was arrested on March 14, 2011, and has been in federal custody since that time. On April 26, 2011, Baeza pled guilty to Count 1 of the indictment, charging him with being a felon in possession of firearm. Count 2 was dismissed after Baeza was sentenced.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Albuquerque Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Louis E. Valencia.

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