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Jordan, Minnesota, felon sentenced for possessing a .22-caliber handgun

MINNEAPOLIS – Yesterday in federal court in St. Paul, a 33-year-old felon from the Twin Cities suburb of Jordan was sentenced for possessing a .22-caliber handgun. United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank sentenced Orbelin Garcia-Santana to 21 months in prison on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was indicted on November 17, 2010, and pleaded guilty on April 1, 2011.

In his plea agreement, Garcia-Santana admitted that on October 15, 2010, he was found in possession of the handgun. Earlier that day, Garcia-Santana was arrested for possession of a small amount of cocaine and consented to a search of his home. During the search, police found the gun in a dresser drawer. Because he is a felon, Garcia-Santana is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. His prior conviction was for the crime of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance in the District of Nevada in 2000.

This case was the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Jordan Police Department, and the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney LeeAnn K. Bell and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Colin P. Johnson.

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