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CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING .40 CALIBER HANDGUN

Investigation initiated by Midland Cellular On Patrol (COPS) Unit

United States Attorney Robert Pitman announce that in Midland, 32-year-old Darius Jamar Moten faces up to ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty this afternoon to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge David Counts, Moten admitted that on January 29, 2012, he was in possession of a Desert Eagle .40 caliber handgun. In June 1999, Moten was sentenced in Robertson County, Texas, to four years probation for manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance.

According to court records, on January 29, 2012, a Citizens On Patrol unit (COPS) contacted Midland Police after witnessing Moten urinating in public outside a bar while possessing a handgun in his waistband. Moten left the scene in a vehicle which was subsequently stopped by a Midland Police officer. During the stop, the officer witnessed Moten attempting to kick the gun under the seat in front of him.

Moten remains in federal custody while awaiting sentencing. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

This investigation was conducted by the Midland Police Department. United States Attorney Robert Pitman also expresses his appreciation to the Midland Police Department's Citizens On Patrol unit for their role in this investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Austin M. Berry is prosecuting this case for the United States.

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