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ARTESIA MAN SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS IN PRISON
ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION

LAS CRUCES – On July 19, 2011, in Las Cruces federal court, **Brian Q. Taylor**, 24, of Artesia, New Mexico, was sentenced to 27 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Taylor will serve a two-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence. Taylor has been in federal custody since December 23, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Taylor was charged with unlawfully possessing a firearm on April 28, 2009 in an indictment filed on November 18, 2010. According to the indictment, Taylor was prohibited from possessing firearms because he previously had been convicted of the following four felony offenses in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Eddy County, New Mexico: (1) possession of a stolen vehicle; (2) possession of a firearm by a felon; (3) possession of a controlled substance; and (4) receiving or transferring a stolen motor vehicle. Taylor entered a guilty plea to the indictment on April 5, 2011.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Eddy County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacob A. Wishard.

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