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**BLOOMFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS IN PRISON**  
**FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Albuquerque, **Michael Maestas**, 28, of Bloomfield, New Mexico, was sentenced to an 84-month term of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release based on his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Maestas has been in federal custody since his arrest on November 5, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Maestas was indicted on October 27, 2010 and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. According to the indictment, Maestas possessed a J.P. Sauer & Sohn, model Sauer Medallion, .38 Special Caliber revolver and ammunition on April 20, 2009 in Farmington, New Mexico. Maestas was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition because he previously had been convicted of several felonies including battery upon a peace officer, the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, attempted accessory aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault in the Eleventh Judicial District Court in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Maestas pled guilty to the indictment on April 12, 2011.

Assistant United States Louis Valencia prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Farmington Police Department, and the Four Corners Gang Task Force.

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