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**ROSWELL MAN SENTENCED TO 262 MONTHS  
FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

LAS CRUCES – Today in federal court in Las Cruces, **Paul Reyes Sedillo**, 39, of Roswell, N.M., was sentenced to 262 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sedillo will serve a five-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that a federal jury found Sedillo guilty of the offense on January 21, 2011. The evidence at trial established that on October 23, 2009, the Roswell Police Department executed a search warrant at Sedillo's Roswell residence. During the search, the officers found a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun in the living room closet. According to trial testimony, a forensic expert at the New Mexico Department of Public Safety examined the firearm and found Sedillo's DNA on the shotgun. Sedillo was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he previously had been convicted of felony aggravated assault in the Fifth Judicial District Court (Chaves County).

Sedillo has been in federal custody since his arrest on March 29, 2010.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Roswell Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jacob A. Wishard and W. Ron Jennings.

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