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**BAYARD, NEW MEXICO MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR POSSESSION OF A SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN**

LAS CRUCES – Today, in federal court in Las Cruces, Bayard, New Mexico resident **Christopher Berumen**, 24, was sentenced to two years in prison for possession of a sawed-off shotgun. Berumen will serve a three-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence. Berumen has been in federal custody since his arrest on October 12, 2010.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charge resulted from conduct occurring in Grant County, New Mexico on April 22, 2010. According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, Berumen was stopped by a Bayard Police Officer for a traffic violation. Berumen told the officer there was a shotgun in the trunk of the car. Inside the trunk, the officer found a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun with a barrel length of 13.75 inches. The shotgun was not registered to Berumen in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record as required by federal law.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bayard Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark A. Saltman.

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