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DEMING MAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR POSSESSION OF UNREGISTERED FIREARM

LAS CRUCES – Today, in federal court, **Johnny Eugene Haynes**, 31, was sentenced to 46 months in prison for possession of an unregistered firearm. Haynes, a resident of Deming, New Mexico, will serve a three-year term of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Haynes was charged in a criminal complaint that was filed on June 1, 2010, with unlawfully possessing an unregistered firearm. Haynes was arrested on June 7, 2010 and he has been in federal custody since that date. On September 1, 2010, Haynes entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with possession of an unregistered shotgun.

The criminal complaint alleged that, on January 10, 2007, Haynes was stopped for a traffic violation by a Luna County Sheriff's deputy. During a consensual search of Haynes' vehicle, the deputy found a Century Arms International 12 gauge shotgun with a barrel length of 10 3/4 inches that was not registered to Haynes in the National Firearm Registry. Federal law prohibits individuals from possessing shotguns with barrels that are less than 18 inches in length unless the firearm is registered in the National Firearms Registry.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Luna County Sheriff's Office and the Southwest Border Operations Task Force, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Aaron O. Jordan.

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