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**ROSWELL MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARM CHARGE**

LAS CRUCES – Today, in federal court in Las Cruces, **Pete Lujan**, 39, a resident of Roswell, New Mexico, pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. The maximum penalty for this offense is up to ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. Lujan was arrested on April 12, 2011, and released on April 20, 2011 on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. He remains out of custody pending his sentencing hearing, which has not yet been set.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Lujan was charged based on conduct occurring on April 8, 2011, in Roswell, New Mexico. According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, while investigating a tip that a fugitive was staying at the motel on North Main Street in Roswell, Roswell police officers observed Lujan enter one of the motel's rooms. When the officers knocked on the door, Lujan answered with drug paraphernalia in his back pocket. The officers obtained Lujan's consent to search the room and found a loaded .357 caliber revolver hidden inside the air-conditioning unit. At his plea hearing, Lujan admitted that he knew he could not possess firearms or ammunition because he previously had been convicted of receiving stolen property in the Fifth Judicial District Court (Chaves County).

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Roswell Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney W. Ronald Jennings.

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