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## JURY CONVICTS SILVER SPRINGS MAN OF GUN CHARGE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that John Feger, 40, of Silver Springs, N.Y., was found guilty after a jury trial before United States District Judge William M. Skretny of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa M. Marangola, who handled the prosecution of the case, stated that during a search of the defendant's residence by parole officers, law enforcement officers found multiple rounds of ammunition and a loaded firearm. As a convicted felon, Feger is prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition.

This case marked the first federal criminal trial in the new federal courthouse in Buffalo.

The conviction is the culmination of an investigation on the part of NYS Parole and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 23, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., before Judge Skretny.

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