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BAYARD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAKING BOMB THREAT

LAS CRUCES – Yesterday in Las Cruces federal court, **Joshua Jimenez**, 23, of Bayard, N.M., pled guilty to an information charging him with willfully making a bomb threat. At sentencing, Jimenez faces a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Jimenez has been in federal custody since his arrest on August 24, 2011, and remains detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has not yet been set.

In his plea agreement, Jimenez admitted that on August 22, 2011, he placed a 911 call to the Bayard Police Department and told the operator he was going “to start killing people,” and claiming that there were bombs in schools. According to the criminal complaint filed on August 24, 2011, Jimenez’s bomb threat was a hoax.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Bayard Police Department, and the Doña Ana County Bomb Squad, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Nammar.

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