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Swanville Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Firearms Charge

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Michael Wyman**, 43, of Swanville, pleaded guilty on March 25, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to possession of a firearm after being convicted of misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. Murphy faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.

Court records reveal that in 2002, Wyman had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence against his former live-in girlfriend. That conviction prohibits Wyman from possessing firearms. In 2008, Wyman, who was intoxicated, fired a shotgun to scare off his girlfriend and her friends when they came to retrieve her belongings.

This case was a part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative which coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession. Domestic abuse is a significant problem in the State of Maine. Possession of firearms by domestic abusers is against federal law.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Waldo County Sheriff's Office.

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