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**FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE AR-15 RIFLES INTO MEXICO**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS -- United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 22-year-old Greg Anthony Belcik of Fredericksburg, Texas, faces up to ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty late yesterday afternoon to attempting to export five AR-15 rifles to Mexico without U.S. State Department authorization.

On the morning of December 10, 2006, Belcik arrived at the Eagle Pass, Texas Port of Entry (Bridge 1) intending to enter Mexico. During an outbound inspection of his vehicle, authorities recovered five AR-15 rifles secreted inside a speaker box.

Belcik remains on a \$30,000 bond pending sentencing. Sentencing is scheduled for 2:30pm on August 13, 2007, before United States District Judge Alia Ludlum.

This case was investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Robert Brady, Jr., is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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