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## **PORT ARTHUR MAN GUILTY OF FEDERAL GUN VIOLATIONS**

BEAUMONT, TX - United States Attorney Rebecca A. Gregory announced today that a 35-year-old Port Arthur man has pleaded guilty to federal firearms charges in the Eastern District of Texas.

**JESSE JAMES TAYLOR** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm today before United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, on September 6, 2007, Taylor was stopped by a Port Arthur police officer for a traffic violation. It was discovered during the traffic stop that there was a firearm in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed Taylor to be a convicted felon having 3 felony drug convictions in 1993 and one in 1999 all in Jefferson County. As a convicted felon, Taylor is prohibited by federal law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition. Taylor was indicted by a federal grand jury on May 8, 2008 for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Taylor faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Port Arthur Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall L. Fluke.

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